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Clash on economy sets stage for polling day

On the eve of today's poll, the main olitical leaders clashed again yesterday ıver the seriousness of the economic risis. Mr Heath spoke of Labour's "cover-up" operation and said only he Conservatives had the moral or olitical authority to call on Britain to make the necessary sacrifices. Mr Wilson replied that Britain faced a grave crisis but was not heading for catastrophe; the situation was not as serious as last February. So confident is Mr Wilson of a working majority (Hugh Noyes writes) that he is planning his first Cabinet meeting, probably on Tuesday. It is understood that he will keep his present team, with the possible exception of Mr Mellish, the Chief Whip. Mr Thorpe, for the Liberals, yesterday repeated his call for a break-up of the two-party system.

Grave crisis but no catastrophe ahead, Mr Wilson says

y David Wood
olitical Editor

About 40 million voters have ie opportunity to go to the olls today to decide which arty or combination of parties vould bring the United Kingom through the economic isis that all leaders have greed throughout the campaign ow threatens.

All the manifestos of the iree main parties described ie crisis as the most serious nce 1945, or even 1931. All ie principal party spokesmen ive consistently held the same nguage.

But yesterday, on the eve of ɔll, *Mr Wilson and Mr Healey*, ie Chancellor of the Exche- ier, hotly challenged Mr eath's description of the verity of the crisis.

"Once more", Mr Heath charged at his headquarters conference, "we see on the final day of the campaign new facts breaking out which show the truth Labour's operation cover-up has been aimed to hide". Only the Conservative Party, would have the moral or political authority to call on Britain for the kind of sacrifices necessary to meet the peril.

Mr Wilson retorted angrily within the hour that "the Conservative Party are acting at the end of this campaign as though they are convinced that it is to their advantage to sell Britain short"—one of the *bitterest accusations in all* Mr Wilson's polemical range.

"Britain faces a grave economic crisis", he conceded. "We have made this clear through this election, throughout the election, and for many months before. But Britain is not heading for catastrophe. The situation is serious, but it is not as serious as it was last February".

Mr Healey's economic prospectus was almost sanguine. Asked what message he would give to the outside world, he said: "I would ask them to look at the objective facts published by the British Government, IMF (International Monetary Fund) or Common Market Commission. They do that, and that is why they have shown confidence in Britain over the past seven months.

"Our balance of payments has been improving while the United States' one has been deteriorating. We have been maintaining a fairly steady level in our balance of trade as a whole, but the non-oil deficit has been cut by half since the beginning of the year while the oil deficit has been increasing. On the balance of trade we are doing better, while many others are tending to do worse. On inflation, we are tending to do better while others—though not Germany—are doing worse."

Output, he said, was the disappointing thing. It fell during the three-day week by 3½ per cent and by the end of July, the latest figures, the fall had not been made up. Unemployment had been increasing in Britain, *though not so fast as in Germany* or the United States. But it was still too fast for his taste.

"What is refreshing and encouraging to me," Mr Healey added, "are the physical signs that foreigners looking at our situation—gnomes and the like of both white and brown skins—are very impressed by the evidence they see of the progress we are making with our problems."

When he was asked about investment intentions, the Chancellor commented that he did not attach much importance to that, but the figures suggested a further increase next year over 1974. Labour's proposals for the regeneration of British industry were intended to achieve a much more effective selective improvement in investment "*in the areas where it is* most needed".

For his part, Mr Heath seemed to be describing a

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Ir Heath and Mr Wilson at their eve-of-poll press conferences in London yesterday.

Last-minute poll shows Labour's lead down slightly to 9 per cent

All the indications from the st election survey for *The imes*, carried out by Opinion esearch Centre, are that toy's general election will be on by the Labour Party.

The survey, based on recall terviews with 446 voters on iesday (a quarter of the *iginal sample interviewed by* RC over the weekend), finds very slight reduction in the ıbour lead—down from 10 per nt to 9 per cent.

If this position is maintained the voting today, it would ve Mr Wilson a very subantial majority, certainly ough to give full authority *his Government in the diffi*lt months ahead.

Mr Heath's final hope may that a sufficient number of ters will react against the ospect of a big Labour ıjority by switching their te, to change this picture amatically. This remains a ssibility. Among the portion *the sample reinterviewed on* iesday, there is clear evidence at the Liberal bandwagon, ıich has obstinately refused take off during the campaign, s moved into reverse.

Analysis of the interviews ows a certain amount of itching around, but the net ect has been as follows:

fectively no change in support for the Conservatives;

ry little movement in support Labour;

falling away in support for Liberals.

n February, when it seemed ely from the opinion polls at last weekend that the Conservatives would win, a conerable number of Liberals ibably *switched their vote to* Labour, with the subsequent stalemate result.

The Conservative Party's best chance may be that something similar will happen again. But the most that can be said at this point (before ORC has completed its second reinterview with nearly half the original *sample) is that* those voters who are slipping away from the Liberals are largely moving towards the "undecided" and "would not vote" categories. and into the group who would not disclose their intentions.

This movement could be a halfway-house between switching allegiance. But it could also *be a sign that many voters are* losing heart and opting out.

After excluding the "undecided", "would not vote" and "refused" categories, the effect of the swing adjustment from the recall interviews is to lift support for the Conservatives by 2 per cent, Labour by 1 per cent, and to cut support *for the Liberals* by 3 per cent.

The accompanying table gives a comparison of the position at the weekend and the position of the parties adjusted to take in the results of the reinterviews carried out on Tuesday. (All figures are given as percentages.)

VOTING INTENTION

	Oct 5-6	Now
Lab	43	44
C	33	35
L	20	17
Nat	3	3
Others	1	1
Lab lead	10	9
Voting intention not given	9	12

The latest voting intention figures have been arrived at by using the following method. On Saturday and Sunday a nationwide quota sample of 1,627 voters was interviewed in 105 parliamentary constituencies, chosen to be representative of the country as a whole.

On Tuesday, interviewers returned to 446 of the sample inteviewed at the weekend to check for changes. A high success rate in contacting voters on this second visit was obtained—85 per cent. The voting intention results from the first survey were then adjusted to take in the changes found in the recall interviews.

At the weekend, 9 per cent of the sample declared that they would not vote, were undecided or refused to disclose their voting intention. In 48 hours, the number of voters falling into the first two categories virtually doubled.

Unless there is a substantial sampling or other form of error in the ORC figures, the chances of the Conservatives returning to office must be considered poor. ORC estimate that there is less than one chance in a hundred that a Labour lead of 9 per cent in a sample of this size does not reflect a real lead *in the electorate* as a whole.

If the sample is reliable, the best Mr Heath could hope for would be another stalemate result. Nevertheless, there is a great deal of evidence that voters have become extremely volatile, and another unexpected and dramatic swing cannot be totally ruled out.

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Prime Minister plans next week's Cabinet

From Hugh Noyes
Liverpool

Mr Wilson was in a supremely confident mood last night for a huge eve-of-poll rally in St George's Hall, Liverpool. As he mounted the platform the Prime Minister shook hands warmly with Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Mr Wilson heard Mr Jones tell the audience of 2,000 that not only would there be a great Labour victory today, but that in the years ahead "Harold Wilson will be able to lead a united team of the trade union movement and the Labour Party, working for the best interests of the nation."

So confident is the Prime Minister of a working majority in Parliament that plans are already being made for the early days of the new Labour administration. Mr Wilson is understood to have no plans for calling his first Cabinet until early next week.

The likely date for this first meeting of senior ministers is next Tuesday. Nor has Mr Wilson given any thought to the possibility of reshuffling his Cabinet. He is understood to believe that it would be a mistake to change the present team.

The only possibility that Mr Wilson is believed to be considering is to move Mr Robert Mellish, the Government's Chief Whip in the last Parliament, to a new position. Mr Mellish is known to have been under great strain in the closing weeks of Labour's last administration when late-night coalitions of the various *minority parties often* brought about unexpected Labour defeats.

If Labour is returned with a working majority, the main strategy in the early months of the new administration will be to carry into law the provisions in the many White Papers, including those on social security and development land for house building, which were published just before the election campaign got under way.

The Prime Minister is hoping for a large overall majority, and contends that he has no fears over the difficulty of controlling a parliamentary party with an overpowering lead over the opposition parties.

In his speech Mr Wilson said he believed the Labour movement stood on the eve of a great victory. Britain would be electing today a fair and compassionate Labour government with a working majority.

Only the Labour Party had the policies which could get Britain out of the present crisis.

To huge cheers, Mr Wilson said that the social contract was the symbol of the Labour Government's determination to trust the people of Britain.

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Sunny polling day

Election day weather will be sunny with occasional showers over most of the country, the London Weather Centre forecast.

Plan ready to freeze loaf prices and cash margins

Hugh Clayton

lans to freeze shop prices t cash margins on bread are dy for implementation by next government, the artment of Prices and Coner Protection said yesterday.

draft order awaited the Secretary of State. The artment would not say how t differed from the consulve document sent to retailers the summer. But the two n clauses are sure to have n retained. They were for dimum retail prices of up 15½p for a large standard , depending on area, and a freeze on cash margins retail companies selling ow the maximum on a base .

he department said consulve documents had been ied about a similar freeze butter and cheese. Proonal retail maxima are 50p ound for English Cheddar 14p for half a pound of lish butter. But again shops ing below those prices on a date would not be allowed xceed the prices they were rging them.

If Labour is returned it will issue consultative *documents on* tea and flour, thus covering all subsidized foods except milk, for which retail prices are already fixed.

The trade is concerned at the choice of a March base date for bread and an August one for butter and cheese. Traders have also fought hard for an exemption from the freeze if the base date price is a special offer.

On sugar, Tate & Lyle said yesterday that it saw no immediate prospect of raising its output to meet the customary autumn increase in demand.

The company, which refines more than half the sugar sold in Britain, said that it was maintaining its rationing policy of the past eight months. That meant that the retail trade was receiving about three-quarters of its supply rate of November last year.

But the Ministry of Agriculture said that national output of refined sugar last month was a tenth higher than in September last year. Consumption was rising steadily, with regular increases in autumn and winter.

Divisions among Provisional IRA over bombing campaign in England

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

Divisions have emerged within the Provisional IRA in both parts of Ireland over its bombing campaign in England. According to Provisional sources these have led to the arrest of about fifty members *in Britain*.

The latest bombings in Guildford, in which five people died, were apparently organized and carried out by an IRA unit from London but had been sanctioned in advance by the Provisionals' army council in Ireland.

So far, the Provisionals have scrupulously refused to claim responsibility for bombings in England, although information that became available yesterday suggests that the campaign was planned in the early days of the violence in Northern Ireland. As long ago as 1970, Provisional IRA units were set up in England possibly to undertake bombing attacks there. They were under strict instructions not to attend *Republican ceremonies* or social functions in Britain lest they should arouse the attention of the police.

The arguments going on within *the IRA* have nothing to do with any moral scruples about the innocent victims of bombings. Several leading Provisionals believe that the campaign in Britain is having no worthwhile political effect—a demand from the population for Britain to wash her hands of Ireland has not materialized as the IRA expected—and argue that their members there are being imprisoned to no purpose.

The opposite point of view is held by a majority on the ruling army council in Dublin, which believes that a continuation of sudden and sporadic attacks like those at Guildford would eventually achieve the desired effect.

Mr Seamus Twomey, formerly the IRA's chief of staff and still an influential leader, takes the latter view and so does the present Provisional commander of the IRA's Belfast brigade, who holds a leading position on the council.

Most of the bombings in Britain, according to reliable sources, have been the idea of local units. Details of potential attacks have been forwarded to the IRA in Dublin only for approval.

That was the case with the Guildford bombings. The murders at the public house, contrary to the suspicions of the British Army in Ulster, had no connexion with the trial at Wakefield of Judith Ward, a *former member of the Women's* Royal Army Corps.

No leading Provisional is prepared to say why his organization does not admit responsibility for the various attacks in Britain, but republicans say privately that at least one incident, the bombing at the Tower of London in which a woman was *killed, was not carried out by* the Provisionals. Military intelligence in the North and people in close touch with the Provisionals agree that the IRA has been given active help by left-wing groups in London.

In Northern Ireland yesterday about 1,200 people staged an anti-internment demonstration which closed most of the shops in the centre of Londonderry.

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Israeli troops evict Jews trying to settle on West Bank

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv, Oct 9

Israel hardliners dramatized their position that no part of the historic Jewish homeland be returned to Jordan by infiltrating the West Bank in the small hours of this morning and squatting there.

Most of the squatters were reported removed by this evening, but a spokesman for the Emunim group, who organized the operation, said hundreds were still in the region, mainly in the Jericho area.

There were also counter-demonstrations by Israel doves in Jerusalem and at the Latrun-Ramallah crossroads. One group which demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem raided the headquarters of the Emunim block. They then told police they had found 14 Czech rifles and two Kalashnikov sub-machine guns in the building.

The security forces had received advance information about the squatters' plans and they had set up checkpoints last night on roads leading to the West Bank. A large number of Israelis carrying sleeping bags and canteens were reported to have been intercepted.

One convoy of three buses and 10 private cars carrying some 750 people set out from Jerusalem in the direction of Jericho and was stopped at a checkpoint. About 150 people left the vehicles and went overland by foot, reaching their destination at Maale Haamudim at about 6.30 am. Half an hour later their encampment was surrounded by soldiers. There were some scuffles during the morning but before noon the squatters were induced to board buses and return to Jerusalem.

In the Nablus area, several busloads returned but small groups were reported to be roaming the area today. It was *said that the infiltrators* had failed to organize and by nightfall returned to Israel.

In the Ramallah area, some 300 Israelis who were halted at a road block, lay down on the highway as a form of passive resistance. Soldiers carried them to buses and they were removed.

In the Knesset today Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, reaffirmed that his Government was ready to negotiate a territorial compromise with Jordan but was committed not to complete a deal involving a withdrawal without first going to the electorate.

Mr Rabin was speaking in the House in reply to complaints by the Likud opposition that he had deviated and offered to yield territory for a non-belligerency pact.

The Prime Minister, seemingly nervous, dealt briefly with the matter. He explained that in an American television interview he had said if there was a serious offer of non-*belligerency for "something in* the West Bank" he would give it sympathetic consideration.

Mr Rabin accepted the Likud motion for a full dress debate on the subject and thus avoided a House test today.

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Kissinger mission begins with Sadat talks

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, Oct 9

President Sadat and Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, began talks here tonight in search of a peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis. The discussion, at Mr Sadat's villa, began shortly after Dr Kissinger's arrival.

Dr Kissinger was greeted at the airport by Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister. He told reporters: "I am starting this trip to Cairo to talk to my friends the President and the Foreign Minister about what the United States can do to contribute to progress towards peace in the Middle East."

Observers here believe that the prime aim of Dr Kissinger's seventh Middle East tour, which will also take him to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Israel, Algeria and Morocco, is to give impetus to political efforts to *resolve the Arab-Israeli* conflict.

These efforts seem to have lost momentum since the troop disengagement agreements on the Egyptian and Syrian fronts facing Israel. The accords were arranged by Dr Kissinger.

President Sadat is expected to press for an early withdrawal *of Israel forces from Sinai*, the Golan Heights and the West Bank of the Jordan.

Mr Ford is convinced inflation can be cut

From Fred Emery
Washington, Oct 9

President Ford today defended his new package of economic proposals, insisted the United States was not in a recession, and said he hoped for "some meaningful reduction in inflation" by early 1975.

Despite his wife's illness with breast cancer, the President also said he had seen nothing to change his prediction that he would "probably" run for election in 1976.

At a news conference in the White House rose garden, Mr Ford sought to minimize his proposed income tax increases, suggesting they were needed principally for budget balancing rather than deflation. He refused to speculate what further measures might be needed if his proposals failed to stem inflation.

The President emphasized his exhortation to the American people and his belief that they would respond to his appeals for energy and food belt tightening.

Asked whether Dr Kissinger's effectiveness as Secretary of State had been affected by recent congressional criticism, Mr Ford delivered a powerful re-endorsement of confidence.

Dr Kissinger's work for peace, *he said, deserved whatever sup*port he could give.

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Nobel Prize winners disagree on economics

By Tim Congdon

The 1974 Nobel Prize for Economics was jointly awarded in Stockholm yesterday to Professor Gunnar Myrdal, of Sweden, and Professor Friedrich von Hayek, from Austria. The prize of 550,000 kronor (about £53,000) will be shared equally between them.

The Royal Swedish Academy made the award for the two men's pioneering work in the theory of money and economic fluctuations and their "penetrating analysis of the interdependence of economic, social and institutional phenomena".

Professor Myrdal is well known for his criticisms of the capitalist system, notably of its effects on income distribution in both underdeveloped and developed economies.

Professor Hayek, however, is known primarily as a defender of personal liberty, particularly against the encroachment of the economic power of the state.

Professor Myrdal has made no secret of his political tendencies and in his entry in *International Who's Who* he is described as the "Swedish economist and politician". His wife, Alva Myrdal, is a Swedish Cabinet minister and is known for her campaigning work for disarmament. In 1970 Professor Myrdal and Alva Myrdal were *awarded the West German Peace* Prize.

Professor Myrdal was born in 1898. He was educated at Stockholm University and, after a number of academic appointments, became professor of political economy and financial science in 1933. He held this position until 1950, although he was Swedish Minister of Trade and Commerce between 1945 and 1947.

He has since become most famous for two epic empirical works, *The American Dilemma*, published in 1944, based on an investigation of the plight of the American negro, carried out between 1938 and 1943 for the Carnegie Corporation, and *Asian Drama*, published in 1968, a comprehensive study of poverty in South-East Asia.

His work on development economics has become the most important part of his activity in recent years.

Although Professor Hayek has participated less fully in social and political debates, his views have often been controversial and have received increasing publicity. Like Professor Myrdal, however, his first work was largely theoretical.

Prices and Production (1931), *Monetary Theory of the Trade Cycle* (1933) and *The Pure Theory of Capital* (1941) are three books reflecting this early theoretical strain. They were mostly written while Professor Hayek was Tooke professor of economic science and statistics at the University of London. He became a naturalized Briton in 1938.

More recently he has achieved renown for his contributions to political philosophy. *Road to Serfdom* (1944) and *Individualism and Economic Order* (1948) were warnings against the extension of public ownership and public control of the economy.

His later works, such as *The Constitution of Liberty* (1960), have developed this theme. He is at present engaged on a study of *Law, Legislation and Liberty*, of which one volume was published last year.

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Two waves that hit Morning Cloud cost two lives, skipper says

Two waves that smashed into Mr Heath's yacht Morning Cloud cost two lives, it was stated at an inquest at Worthing, Sussex, yesterday.

Mr Donald Blewett, the skipper, described how the waves lifted the Morning Cloud up and sent her crashing down into the trough. On each occasion a man was swept overboard, he said.

The inquest was into the deaths of Mr Heath's godson Christopher Chadd, aged 23, of Harrington Road, South Kensington, London, and Nigel Cumming, aged 43, of Turpins Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire. Verdicts of death by misadventure were recorded.

Mr Blewett said the first wave struck at about 11 pm on the night of September 1. He continued: "We were sailing quite normally and suddenly we were picked up by a very large wave, turned over on to our side and dropped down into the trough of the wave. The wave broke over the boat."

The yacht dropped violently "as if it had dropped through the air". There was a certain amount of structural damage, Mr Blewett said, and when the yacht righted there was a shout of "man overboard, all hands on deck".

When he got up on deck he saw that Gardner Sorum, a member of the crew, had gone over the stern and was being dragged along. It took five minutes to get him back on board. "I did a quick head count and found we were still one short. That was Nigel Cumming", he said.

Mr Cumming had been wearing a safety harness and they found a broken lifeline still attached to the rail. They turned round and searched for five or ten minutes but there was no sign of him.

Mr Blewett said he started the engine during the search, but after a few minutes it stopped and could not be restarted. He also tried to send out a radio call, but there was a malfunction in the transmitter.

He also took some flares from the locker. Two did not work and the third climbed to about 10ft and then, because of the high wind, dropped rapidly and disappeared into the sea. The weather was constantly worsening.

When they were satisfied that they had overrun the point where Mr Cumming had fallen overboard, they turned on a westerly course again and were hit by the second wave.

Mr Blewett continued: "It lifted us up in the same way as the other one, turned us over until we were, I suspect, almost upside down, and dropped us back again into the trough. The wave broke over us, tore off the fore hatch, and water poured in."

There was more damage to the yacht, and deck beams split away from the deck completely. "I decided then that we had not really got a chance", he said. "I went up on deck and in the mêlée we lost Christopher."

Another member of the crew had also gone over the side, but had hauled himself back. Christopher Chadd had not been wearing a lifeline, but had on an inflated lifejacket.

Mr Blewett continued: "The boat was laying to wind. She was very low in the water and we could not get her around, but by that time Christopher had disappeared. The waves were very high and he would not have to be very far from the boat to disappear.

"I decided that we had to get out of the boat straight away. If she had been hit by another wave like that she would have sunk."

Earlier, Mr Blewett said the Morning Cloud left Burnham-on-Crouch the previous day to go to Cowes. Shortly before they left, Mr Chadd came alongside in a motor boat and said Mr Heath had told him he could go on the yacht.

Mr Mark Calvert-Lee, the coroner, said: "I have heard nothing that leads me to suggest that this disaster was caused other than by extreme conditions.

"I am satisfied that, even taking into account the gale warnings which were made, there was no reason why this boat with its crew should not have undertaken the passage."

Mr Thomas Morison, counsel for Mr Heath, said he had been asked by Mr Heath to give him a full report of the proceedings.

He added: "You will appreciate that my client has already expressed privately to the relatives of the two men who died in this tragedy his deep personal feeling of grief and sympathy. He would wish me to repeat these expressions today."

Guildford traders get warning of more bombs

By A Staff Reporter

Guildford police issued a fresh bomb warning yesterday. They are searching for an unshaven man in a black coat seen in both the public houses, the Horse and Groom and the Seven Stars, shortly before the explosions last Saturday.

The police said three separate sources had told them that more bombs might be planted in Guildford soon. A circular was sent round the area warning staff at public houses, cinemas and supermarkets, especially those used by soldiers, to be extra vigilant, and telling them to dial 999 if they saw anything suspicious.

A general warning to be on the alert against further bomb outrages was issued by the police to all towns in Surrey, including Caterham, where troops are stationed.

Mr Christopher Rowe, Assistant Chief Constable of Surrey, said the man in black was 30 to 35 years old, 5ft 6in to 5ft 8in tall, of slim build with a thin face, and appearing to be in need of a shave. He had dark, straight hair.

He was wearing a three-quarter length black coat, possibly leather and belted, black trousers tight at the ankles, plain lace-up shoes, and perhaps wore spectacles.

Mr Rowe said: "Two or three people saw him on the night. I want to find out if anyone fitting this description stayed in a boarding house in the area."

The man was seen at 8.40 in the Seven Stars, only 20 minutes before the explosion at the Horse and Groom. Mr Rowe said the man was carrying a brown paper bag "as if it contained a box".

Witnesses have told the police that he was carrying a brown holdall in addition to the paper bag while he was in the Seven Stars. He was seen in the Horse and Groom, where the first bomb went off, with the holdall beside him.

Two girls who resemble the Photofit pictures, issued on Tuesday, were interviewed by bomb squad officers at Stoke Newington police station, London, yesterday but left after being eliminated

Several Guildford landlords are showing nervousness at allowing many soldiers into their bars. The landlord of the Three Pigeons, in the centre of the town, said he did not want to admit large groups. The landlord of the Star Inn, Mr Alan Young, said: "We are using a bit of discretion." The manager of the White Horse Hotel said he feared friction between Irish customers and angry soldiers. He would not allow them in in groups.

The bombed Horse and Groom public house in Guildford being demolished yesterday.

BBC election strike threat averted

A threat to disrupt outside broadcasts in BBC television's election coverage was lifted yesterday when members of the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs agreed to revised overtime payments for working through election night.

The dispute started when 500 cameramen, engineers and other BBC staff at Acton threatened not to operate some outside broadcasts unless they got a better overtime offer.

ITV settlement: Pay increases of 19 per cent have been agreed for 160 journalists employed by 14 regional independent television companies (our Labour Staff writes). Agreement was reached after office branches of the National Union of Journalists voted to accept the companies' offer yesterday.

The increases, in line with those agreed for journalists of Independent Television News last week, will be backdated to July. The journalists have also been promised a review of individual salaries. A working party is to examine their pay structure, and salaries, in relation to other ITV employees.

Ford agreement: Talks on Ford's £63m pay offer to 53,000 manual workers resumed yesterday as the company had its first day free of industrial disputes since June (our Labour Staff writes).

A draft settlement is expected to be reached tomorrow, and be put to workers over the weekend or early next week.

The final settlement will infringe the social contract rule that there should be 12 months between rises. The strike by press shop workers cost Ford £40m worth of production.

Bus crews' claim: Union leaders of 150,000 provincial bus drivers and conductors have lodged a claim for substantial pay increases. No figure has been given, but the Transport and General Workers' Union is known to be seeking about £10 a week more.

In March bus crews were awarded Phase Three increases of about £3 a week, bringing basic weekly rates to between £20.15 and £26.85.

Mr Larry Smith, the union's national bus secretary, said yesterday that the claim did not breach the social contract. Busmen were a special case.

Surgeon admits operation was in wrong spot

Miss Carys Margaret Bannister, a surgeon, being sued by a man who is now crippled for life, agreed at the High Court in Leeds yesterday that she made an incision in an exploratory spinal operation one vertebra above where she intended.

Miss Bannister, now senior registrar at Leeds Infirmary neurosurgery department, said she did not think it crucial in the operation, to remove a vertebral plate, to be at the precise spot, or one vertebra above.

Miss Bannister and Leeds Area Health Authority (Teaching) are being sued for damages for alleged negligence by Mr Reginald Lockwood, aged 53, a former colliery overseer, who was said by Mr Clifford Lauriston, QC, his counsel, to be paraplegic and confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

Mr Lauriston said Mr Lockwood, of Sacksup Lane, Darton, near Barnsley, had been in that condition since the operation in October, 1967. He alleged that Miss Bannister performed the operation at the wrong site and that she had not had a myelogram (spinal test) done within a reasonable time before the operation.

Mr Lockwood went into the hospital for the operation after one myelogram had apparently shown a tumour. Miss Bannister said yesterday that no tumour was found.

She was asked by Mr Owen Stable, QC, her counsel, "Were you conscious of anything at all having gone wrong with this operation while you were operating?" She replied: "I was not aware of anything at all". The spinal cord looked absolutely normal.

She said she had no right to decide on a further myelogram and did not recall considering that one was needed.

The hearing continues today.

Boy 'slaughtered like chicken' in graveyard

A teenager alleged to have been a police informer was "slaughtered like a chicken" after being lured to a graveyard, Mr John Mathew, for the prosecution, said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

He was cross-examining Robert White, a painter and decorator, who is accused with Francis Quinn, both of no fixed address, of murdering Christopher Whitaker, aged 16, in St Mary's Cemetery, Neasden, London, on January 25. Both have pleaded not guilty.

Stephen Dalton, aged 23, of Prayle Grove, Cricklewood, London, denies assisting in burying the body to impede the arrest of the other two. Mr White and Mr Quinn also deny having a shortened shotgun with intent to commit an indictable offence.

Mr White is alleged to have fired the first shot into Christopher Whitaker's head, and Mr Quinn the second. Mr White has alleged that Mr Quinn fired both shots.

Mr White told Mr Mathew yesterday that he did not know Mr Quinn had a gun on the night in question. He said Mr Quinn suddenly produced it, either from his sleeve or from under his coat, and fired at Whitaker.

Asked why he had not told the police the truth about what actually happened when his best friend came to be slaughtered like a chicken by Mr Quinn, Mr White replied: "The police were saying I had shot him and done him in the nut, and could prove it. I was trying to do the best to get myself out of trouble and make out it was not as bad as it was."

Mr Quinn, describing the shooting, said that Mr White told him he was going to fire the gun at Whitaker. "I thought he was going to fire over his head to frighten him", he said. "I did not think he was going to fire at him.

"Me and Bob (White) were walking side by side and he said 'Give me the shooter'. I passed it to him. He took it from me and aimed it from behind at Chris's head."

Rise in school-leaving age blamed for crime rate

Crime in West Yorkshire has risen by almost a quarter since January 1, and the police are laying much of the blame on the raising of the school-leaving age.

A police officer said: "Some juveniles seem to get bored by being kept at school and become involved in crime". If they were allowed to get jobs they would have more to interest them

In Lancashire, more than half the burglaries detected this year up to the end of July involved juveniles. Mr Stanley Parr, the chief constable said in his report yesterday.

The proportion was about a tenth higher than five years ago, he added, "It leads to the inescapable conclusion that the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, have failed to stem the rising tide of juvenile crime."

Mr Parr based his comments on the three months before police reorganization on April 1 and the four months that followed. In the original Lancashire police area, which was roughly halved by reorganization, 30,258 crimes were reported in the first quarter of this year, compared with 20,302 in the first quarter of 1973.

Crimes reported in the new area between April 1 and July 31 totalled 12,178 compared with 11,062 in the same period of last year.

Up to the end of March this year there were 9,418 burglaries compared with 6,301. Detection rate was 36 per cent compared with 35 per cent. From April 1 to July 31, 3,373 burglaries were reported, compared with 2,875. The detection rate fell from 51 per cent to 42 per cent.

Will sex be out by 2000 A.D.?

Sex, alcohol and gambling may lose their appeal around the turn of the century—if self-stimulation of the brain's pleasure centres replaces these more traditional modes of human gratification.

This week New Scientist reports on the outcome of a recent study carried out by 50 experts into the future of psychology. Using the Delphi forecasting technique, which has proved extraordinarily effective in other fields, they predict an end to schools and examinations, the erasure of unpleasant memories, and the control of criminal tendencies.

Psychologists also see themselves playing a new role as an interface between the planners and the planned.

Also in this issue: Soviet change and the West . . . by Dr. Zhores Medvedev.
The tale of 3 factories—Volvo's approach to job satisfaction.

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Pill may cause congenital defects in the new-born

By Our Medical Correspondent

Yet another adverse effect of oral contraceptives has been identified in the United States. Doctors have found that the sex hormones in the contraceptive pill may on rare occasions be responsible for causing congenital defects in newborn babies. Ever since the thalidomide disaster, most Western countries nave maintained research programmes intended to detect any other connexions between drugs taken in pregnancy and congenital defects.

Almost certainly thalidomide was unique in that a very high proportion of the pregnant women who took it later gave birth to affected infants; unfortunately it is far less easy to identify a drug that has such an effect on only a small proportion of those who take it. For that reason, the usual approach has been to work backwards, taking a group of babies with similar birth abnormalities and then trying to find a common factor in the drugs their mothers took during pregnancy.

The *New England Journal of Medicine* reports today that the Birth Defects Institute in New York studied 108 cases of babies born with absence of or serious deformities in arms or legs, deformities similar to but not identical with those caused by thalidomide. Interviews with the children's mothers showed that six had become pregnant while taking the pill, and nine had been given sex hormones during early pregnancy.

In contrast, in a group of 108 mothers of the same age and background but with normal babies, only four had taken sex hormones. The chance that the difference is simply coincidence is less than one in 50. Furthermore, of the 15 affected babies born to the mothers who took sex hormones in pregnancy, no fewer than 12 were boys.

If sex hormones do increase the number of babies born with defects, the effect is small. In the past five years there have been nearly a million births in the area covered by the New York research programme. Of those million babies about 10,000 had malformations serious enough to warrant reporting, and of those 10,000 fewer than 200 had limb defects, only one in every 5,000 births. Ten years earlier the rate of limb defects was closer to one in every 7,000 births, so that there has been a slight increase during the period when oral contraceptives have steadily increased their popularity.

Despite the small size of this increased risk, the institute concludes that there is a cause-and-effect relationship. Suspicion has also fallen on oral contraceptives as occasional causes of defects of the heart and intestines.

It seems that if the mother or the foetus has a predisposition towards developmental defects a disturbance of the hormonal balance at a critical stage in early pregnancy may be enough to tip the scales. For once the practical implications of the findings are clear. Doctors should look very critically at any prescription of sex hormones for a woman who might be in early pregnancy.

Bomb attack damages a store in Derry

A bomb badly damaged a supermarket in Strand Road, near the docks, in Londonderry yesterday afternoon, but the two men who planted the explosives gave a half-hour warning and the surrounding streets had been evacuated when the bomb went off.

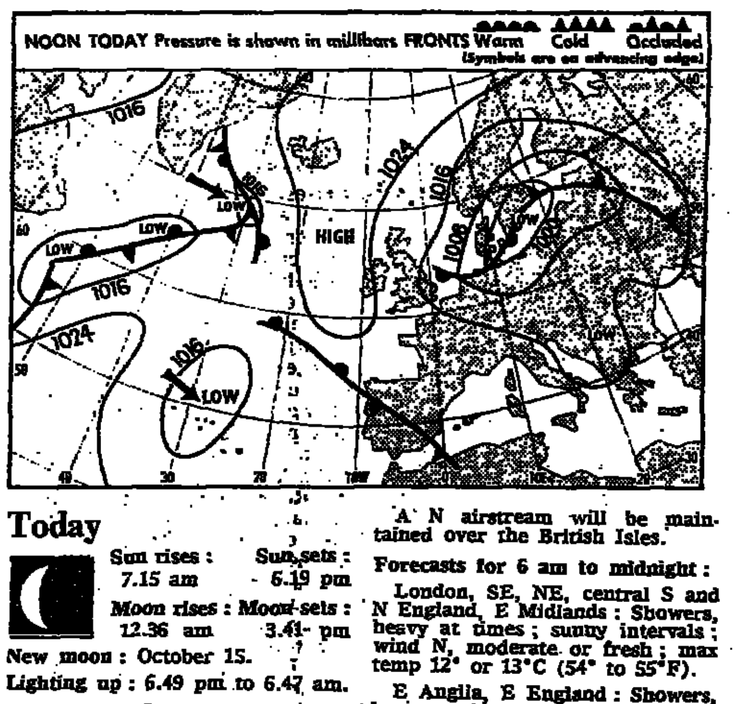
Members of the part-time Ulster Defence Regiment, as well as RUC reservists, have been called out for polling day today. There is usually some violence in the province when electors go to the polls, although many voters, a proportionately larger number than in Britain, have already sent in postal votes, probably because of the fear of personation or intimidation.

Two face kiosk murder charge

Two unemployed men were charged last night with the murder of Mr Alfie Cohen, aged 67, owner of the Hole in the Wall kiosk in Cannon Street Road, Stepney, London. Mr Cohen died after being attacked and robbed of a few pounds and cartons of cigarettes. His fortune of £111,000 was found later in the kiosk by detectives.

Andrew Barbour, aged 22, and David McLean, aged 25, both of no fixed address, will appear at Thames Magistrates' Court today.

Weather forecast and recordings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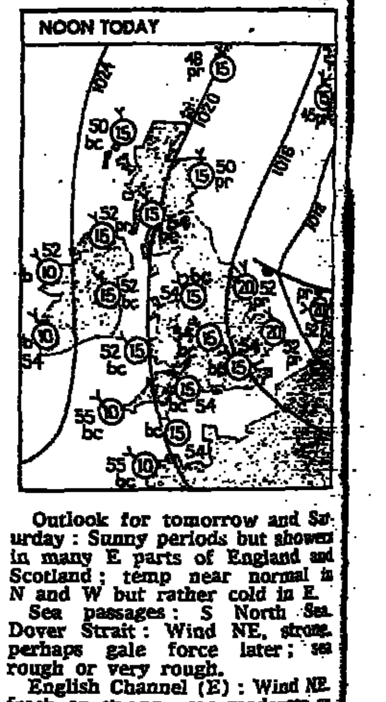

Today

Sun rises: 7.15 am **Sun sets:** 6.19 pm
Moon rises: 12.36 am *Moon sets:* 3.41 pm

New moon: October 15.

Lighting up: 6.49 pm to 6.47 am.

High water: London Bridge, 8.38 am, 5.9m (19.3ft); 9.30 pm, 6.1m (20.1ft). Avonmouth, 2.5 am 10.1m (33.0ft); 2.45 pm, 10.4m (34.0ft). Dover, 6.23 am, 5.5m (18.0ft); 7.14 pm, 5.6m (18.3ft). Hull, 12.24 am, 6.1m (19.9ft); 1.55 pm, 5.9m (19.5ft). Liverpool, 6.39 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 7.12 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft).

A N airstream will be maintained over the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, NE, central S and N England, E Midlands: Showers, heavy at times; sunny intervals; wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 12° or 13°C (54° to 55°F).

E Anglia, E England: Showers, heavy and possibly prolonged at times; bright intervals; wind N, moderate or fresh; max temp 12° or 13°C (54° to 55°F).

W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW England, Wales: Mist or fog patches early, then sunny spells and scattered showers; wind N, moderate; max temp 12° to 13°C (54° to 55°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Sunny periods but showers in many E parts of England and Scotland; temp near normal in N and W but rather cold in E.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Dover Strait: Wind NE, strong, perhaps gale force later; sea rough or very rough.

English Channel (E): Wind NE, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N, fresh, increasing to strong; sea moderate, becoming rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 14°C (57°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 73 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 5.0. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,019.0 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Algiers	c	22	72	Cologne	c	8	46	L Palmas	s	27	81	New York	s	14	57
Amstrdm	f	13	55	Copnhgn	r	9	48	Lisbon	c	18	64	Nice	s	18	64
Athens	s	24	75	Dublin	c	11	52	Locarno	f	14	57	Oslo	f	10	50
Barcelona	c	18	64	Edinburgh	f	11	52	London	f	12	54	Paris	c	12	54
Beirut	f	23	73	Florence	c	14	57	Luxembrg	c	6	43	Reykjavik	c	6	43
Belfast	c	12	54	Funchal	s	24	75	Madrid	s	17	63	Rome	f	18	64
Berlin	r	8	46	Geneva	r	7	45	Majorca	f	22	72	Ronldswy	c	12	54
Biarritz	f	15	59	Gibraltar	s	24	75	Malaga	f	28	82	Stockholm	c	7	45
Birmnghm	f	12	54	Guernsey	f	13	55	Malta	s	25	77	Tel Aviv	f	26	79
Bristol	s	12	54	Helsinki	r	8	46	Manchstr	f	11	52	Venice	f	15	59
Brussels	f	12	54	Innsbruck	f	10	50	Moscow	s	18	64	Vienna	r	11	52
Budapest	c	10	50	Istanbul	s	24	75	Munich	c	7	45	Warsaw	c	8	46
Cardiff	s	13	55	Jersey	c	13	55	Naples	f	17	63	Zurich	r	5	41

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Drug trafficking run by mini Mafia, counsel says

From Our Correspondent
Southampton

Drug trafficking at Southsea, Hampshire, where a dozen addicts have died from drug abuse in the past two years, was run by a "mini Mafia" as "evil and wicked as the real Mafia". Mr Ian Kennedy, for the prosecution, said at Winchester Crown Court yesterday.

Six men, including three alleged ringleaders of the gang, were accused of conspiring to use and threaten violence to persons supplying and using drugs or those who had information about the ringleaders and conspiring to procure, possess and supply controlled drugs.

Mr Kennedy, told the jury: "You will hear witnesses speak of the mini Mafia. That was a name the leaders of this conspiracy selected for themselves. Perhaps they did so to put a joking gloss on it, but in one sense it was not a bad description. Compared with the Mafia these people were very small beer indeed, but as evil and wicked as the real Mafia."

He said Southsea had a high number of bed sitting rooms occupied by a "colony of habitual drug misusers. You will hear one witness who knew of some dozen of his fellows who have died from overdoses in the past two years."

Counsel said the drugs ranging from heroin to amphetamines, were obtained by the conspiracy group in many ways: forging stolen prescription pads, breaking into chemists' shops and illicit dealings.

He continued: "The habitual drug users were very vulnerable to stress. Threats alone, like 'remember what happened to so and so", were sufficient."

Christopher Wallis, aged 23, of Bradford Road, Michael Hayter, aged 26, of Middle Street, both Southsea; and Clifford Cunningham, aged 23, of Ferndown, Dorset, are charged with conspiracy to supply drugs and conspiracy to use and threaten violence.

Michael David, aged 23, of Cumberland Street, Colin Weaver, aged 30, of Caswell Road; and Douglas Costello, aged 24, of Granada Road, all Southsea, are accused of conspiring to supply drugs. All pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

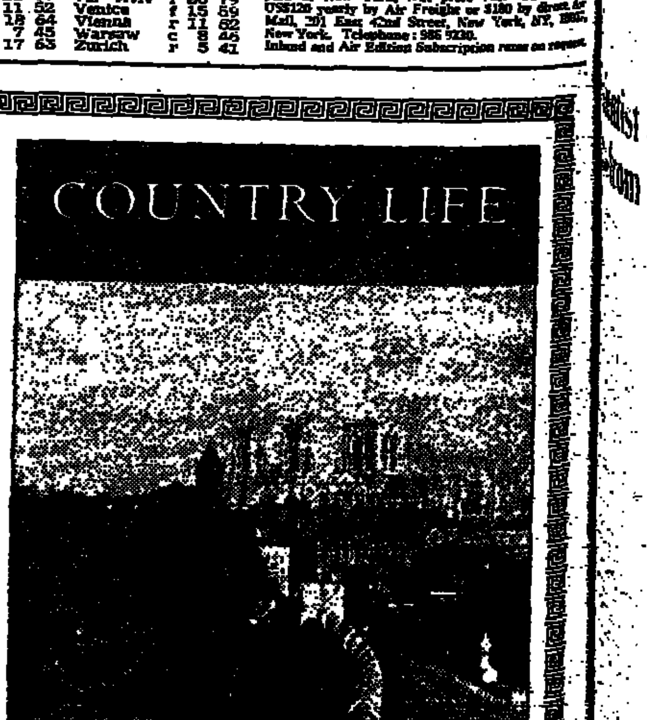
The trial continues today.

The Queen's visitors

More than 100,000 visitors explored the Queen's gardens and grounds at Sandringham during the summer season, the admission proceeds going to charities.

Hospital relief

A group of qualified nurses will be moved from hospital to hospital as an experiment because of staff shortages in the Enfield and Haringey health authority area, north London.



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Can the Country House Survive?
Sir Michael Culme-Seymour assesses John Cornforth's report "Country Houses in Britain—Can They Survive?" and the exhibition "The Destruction of the Country House" at the V&A.

Europe's Last Big Cat
David Tomlinson considers the status and present-day distribution of the two species of lynx that survive in Europe.

York Town Scheme
John Cornforth examines the York Town Scheme, one of the many restoration schemes now operating in historic towns in England and financed by the Historic Buildings Council, local authorities and private owners.

Edwardian Terraces Brought to Life
Allen Paterson describes how the eighteenth-century gardens of Nuneham Park, Oxford, have been restored to much of their former splendour.

Community of Craftsmen
Eiluned Lewis discusses the restoration and reproduction of historical keyboard instruments at Finchcocks, near Goudhurst, in Kent.

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Russians may order American jet airliners powered by Rolls-Royce, Mr Benn says

From Pat Healy
Bristol

There is a serious possibility that the Russians will order United States jumbo jets powered by Rolls-Royce engines, Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, told Rolls-Royce workers in Bristol yesterday.

He said he had discussed the possibility with the Soviet Deputy Prime Minister in London and with other Soviet ministers. The future of the RB211-524 engine was much more hopeful than some commentators had suggested.

"There is the possibility that the Russians may wish to buy an American wide-bodied jet, and the RB211-524 is the engine for that", he said. "If the Russians are going to buy an American airframe there is a distinct possibility they will want it with a Rolls-Royce engine."

Prospects for the engine looked much better than could be gathered from reading those people who made a living out of criticizing Britain, its high technology and Rolls-Royce, Mr Benn said. The RB211-524 was the main workhorse engine of the big jets from now to the end of the century. Its applications included the jumbo jets, which would be one of the workhorse transport aircraft also until the end of the century.

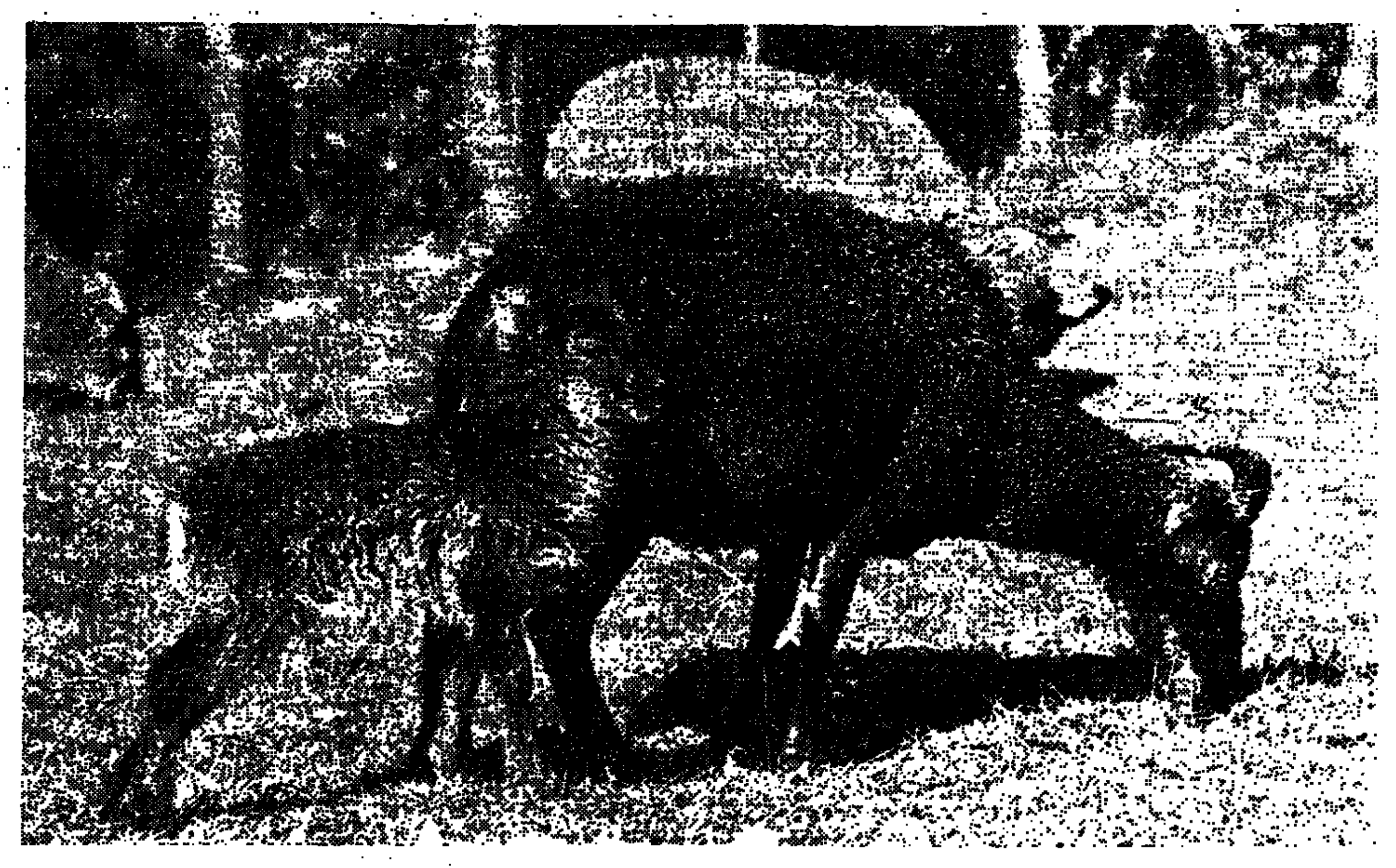
Mr Benn said afterwards that the Russians had put out tenders for wide-bodied jets. They had four choices: the European airbus, the Boeing 747, the Lockheed TriStar and the Douglas DC10. He felt that the Russians would not like to buy American engines as well as American aircraft and they had a high regard for Rolls-Royce engines.

If they bought either the Lockheed or the Boeing they would have Rolls-Royce engines and that would be a great boost for Britain. The Russians were in no hurry because any orders would be fitted into their five-year plans. The next one, he thought, would begin at the end of this year.

Our Air Correspondent writes: The Soviet aviation authorities have been considering the purchase of wide-body airliners from the United States for many months. They appear to be most enthusiastic over the Boeing 747, but are also interested in the Lockheeed TriStar, which is powered by British Rolls-Royce RB211 engines.

A TriStar from the now defunct Court Line was demonstrated to the Soviet authorities earlier this year in Moscow.

If Russia bought jumbo jets, they could be fitted with the RB 211 engine under a proposal being worked on by both Rolls and Boeing. British government backing for such a project depends on airline orders in addition to one from British Airways, which has already said that it wants the 18 jumbos it is to buy to be powered by British rather than American engines.



Prehistoric sheep: The eight-day-old Soay lamb seen above is among the latest arrivals at the Butser Ancient Farm Project at Petersfield, Hampshire. It is the first autumn lamb in the history of the flock.

Its birth this year may well be attributed to better conditions in southern England than in its native habitat on the St Kilda islands off north-west Scotland. The breed has survived there for two millennia, the only changes being the normal population fluctuations allied to food supply and the occasional fisherman seeking fresh meat.

"We are fortunate that they have survived, since they are the 'prehistoric sheep' that figured in the pastoral economy of Iron Age Britain", Mr Peter J. Reynolds, director of the Butser Project says. "Analysis of sheep bones from many excavations confirms that the skeleton of the present Soay sheep is the same as those recovered."

Whether the sheep were kept for meat or wool production is debatable. The animal is quite small and would not provide much meat, but the wool is soft and much sought after today for making into garments. In north-west Scotland there are traditional patterns for sweaters using the two basic natural colours of oatmeal and dark brown.

At the ancient farm research is going on into the significance of the Soay sheep within the economy of a small working farmstead. The areas of study involve careful domestication since as a breed they are now wild, concentration of head an acre, and wool and meat production. Progress reports on the Butser project appear from time to time exclusively in *The Times*.

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In brief

Students' rent test case

A High Court judge is to be asked to decide whether Keele University is beaking the law by increasing students' rents. Members of the National Union of Students at Keele contend that increases for 468 students living in self-catering flats on the campus contravene the rent freeze.

Mr David Schell, president of Keele Students' Union, said they had decided to make it a national test case. The university wants to raise the annual rent for the flats from £155 to £206.

Ban on Lord Marples

For driving with excess alcohol in his blood and passing a red traffic light in King's Road, Chelsea, on June 9, Lord Marples, of Eccleston Street, Belgravia, was banned from driving for a year and fined a total of £45 with £7.69 costs at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday.

Casualty ward shuts

The night casualty department at Huntingdon County Hospital is closing today because of shortage of medical staff. Emergency cases will be taken to hospitals at Peterborough or Cambridge.

Detective took bribe

Det Sergeant Charles Sydney Tyler, aged 45, of West Ham, London, was found guilty at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of accepting a £150 bribe. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Expert says trawler was probably damaged

From Our Correspondent
Hull

The Hull trawler Gaul, 1,106 ons, might have survived her oss of stability, course direcion and the 45ft waves in vhich she foundered had she ot suffered structural damage, Department of Trade marine urveyor, said yesterday. He vas speaking at the inquiry nto the loss of the vessel.

The Gaul and her crew of 6 disappeared in a gale off lorway in February. Mr lichael Scott, of Woodland rive, Anlaby, Hull, the surveyor, said that in his opinion here would have to be water the factory space at the noment the Gaul lost stability nd steerage when she was oised on the crest of a wave nd at the same time as another vave swept up the stern ramp nd flooded the trawl deck with wo-and-a-half feet of water.

The trawler would be submerged by the seas she experienced, he said. With water in ie factory space she would ive been less likely to come and shed the deck water efore another wave went over er. "She must have been ivoluntarily altering the itended course," Mr Scott aid. "The crew would be ttempting to correct the ourse, assuming that they could eep their feet in those conditions. But if the vessel had emained intact I consider that he could possibly have survived. She may have suffered evere structural damage. Vater in the factory space ould not of itself cause the ss of the Gaul."

Mr Alan Gilfillan, a consulant naval architect, told the ourt, sitting for the twelfth ay, that the Gaul might have uffered structural damage, robably at wheelhouse level. wo other stern fishing trawlers the same area suffered amage from waves at bridge vel.

Mr Gilfillan said the Gaul did ot necessarily *sink* for an xceptional or negligent reason. his view she sank as a result a sequence of events. The ost likely contributory factors ere water on the trawl deck, ss of stability on a wave crest, d broaching. He thought the oint about water in the factory ace had been over-emphaed, but did not exclude it a factor contributing to the ip's loss.

The inquiry continues today.

Survey finds foreign cars more reliable

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent

Owners of cars less than two years old have only one chance in three of getting through the year without serious trouble, according to a reliability survey published today by *Which?* the consumer magazine. For a car three or four years old, the chances are down to one in six.

The survey, based on experiences of nearly 25,000 *Which?* subscribers with their cars during 1973, finds that four-fifths had a car that let them down on a journey or developed serious faults or spent time off the road for repair apart from routine servicing.

Foreign cars tend to be more reliable than British but often cost more to service and repair. The survey comments: "Quite a lot of makes have significantly good reliability and, sadly, nearly all of them are foreign. But it would be a grave mistake to suppose that all foreign brands are reliable."

Only a few makes combined good reliability with low repair costs. Volkswagen had a good record over all years and Renault for cars up to three years old. The Japanese Datsun and Toyota did well, although the samples were small and only of fairly new cars.

Other foreign cars with reliability better than average were Audi, BMW, Citroën, Opel, Peugeot, Saab and Volvo, and (bearing in mind the small sample) Honda and Mercedes. But all except Opel, Saab and Honda were expensive to service and repair.

Apart from the small Rolls-Royce sample, and Rover, which is rated "average", none of the British makes stood out as particularly reliable. *Which?* says that Austin-Morris, Ford and Hillman owners can get some consolation from the fact that their servicing and repair costs were generally no worse than average and sometimes better.

Of other British makes, Jaguar, MG, Triumph and Vauxhall were found to be both unreliable and expensive to service and repair. The small sample of Reliant and Lotus cars was "very unreliable" with "very high" repair costs.

British Leyland, which makes Jaguar, Rover, Triumph, MG and Austin-Morris cars, said it did not wish to argue with the *Which?* findings, but questioned the selectivity of the survey. Fewer than half of those invited *to take part had done so*, and satisfied customers were usually less vocal than those with complaints.

Such surveys also tended to favour imported makes because car buyers were generally more critical of the domestic product. British Leyland cars sold abroad often enjoyed a high reputation for quality and reliability in foreign countries.

But Leyland, like all manufacturers, was very concerned to improve matters, and that concern was reflected in the creation of a new post of director of product quality. Reliability should also be helped by the new Austin-Morris policy of concentrating on quality rather than competing in volume with the big European manufacturers.

On the criticism of Jaguar, Leyland said there had been difficulties with the 2.8 litre models but modifications had been made to put that right. High servicing and repair costs were to be expected with an expensive, complicated car.

British motor industry sources pointed out that all manufacturers had suffered from the disruptions of the three-day week and succession of labour disputes, both in their own plants and among component suppliers, and that was bound to affect quality.

Seat belt death: A simple movement forward while wearing a seat belt was enough to cause fatal injuries to a woman passenger aged 82, it was stated at an inquest at Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, yesterday. She was a passenger in a car which was in a collision at Hanslope, on the M1, on Friday.

Dr Robert Sladden, a pathologist, said that Mrs Louisa Ann Eyles, of Kendall Road, Beckenham, Kent, died as a result of internal haemorrhage caused by a ruptured heart muscle. The sternum was fractured.

He told Mr Edward Ray, the North Buckinghamshire coroner, no one could say what would have happened if she had not been wearing a seat belt.

Mr Walter Eyles said his mother had a heart condition.

The inquest was adjourned.

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Explosion plot charge

John Sylvester McCluskey, aged 30, of Fulham Road, London, is to appear at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court, Middlesex, today charged with conspiring with others to cause explosions. He faces seven charges concerning incendiary devices.

Man starts sentence

Anthony Collingbourne, aged 40, maker of indecent films, of Vicarage Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, who failed to surrender to bail during a trial at St Albans earlier this year, was taken to Wandsworth prison yesterday to start his five-year sentence.

Heart screening urged for every child before leaving school

From Our Correspondent
Harrogate

Every child should be screened for possible heart disease before leaving school, Dr R. W. D. Turner, Reader in Medicine at Edinburgh University, told the conference of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene in Harrogate yesterday.

He said the screening should include blood tests and blood pressures to be followed up by checks every five years. Such a system would give doctors the chance to discuss matters with the individual and give him warnings against such things as smoking, obesity and diets, thus preventing a vast amount of heart disease.

Dr Turner said that even earlier preventive medicine could be carried out at the nursery stage by discouraging mothers from feeding babies on cow's milk, which had a higher salt content than their own, or from giving them sugar at weaning. Both, he said, played a part in the coronary story.

Little was being done about the increasing rate of heart disease, Dr Turner said. When symptoms first appeared, the underlying disease was usually far advanced, making secondary prevention second best. Only primary prevention could be effective, and that might involve screening all apparently healthy people, which would be as wise as making regular visits to the dentist.

"In a sedentary society, where most men's exercise consists of walking to the car, lack of exercise should be discouraged." While he welcomed extensive sports complexes, he objected to the closing of park gates at 6 pm, when floodlights should be turned on.

Addressing the conference on community services for the alcoholic, Dr Morton Reynolds, area medical officer for Dudley, said: "Drinking is a custom which is not only socially acceptable but actively encouraged. It is the abstainer who is the odd man out."

He called for a restriction on alcohol advertising, particularly on television, and for further training for people who deal with alcoholics.

Scientist outlines plan to make natural gas from coal with nuclear reactor

Pearce Wright
ence Correspondent

A process to manucature substitute for natural gas, to sure supplies as North Sea d land-based deposits are pleted in a few years, was scribed at a meeting in Lon yesterday of the Interional Committee for Coal search. The method uses it from a nuclear reactor in l gasification. Results from first experiment on which g-term plans have been sed were given by Professor rner Peters, Director, Steinhlenbergbauverein, of West rmany, outlining programmes Germany to develop better loitation of coal.

le said the manufacture of ural gas from hard coal ed on heat from high temlature nuclear reactors had n tested successfully in the oratory. Larger demonstran equipment was being built by the end of this decade, prototype plant with a 750 gawatt process heat reactor ild be ordered.

he main present use for l was the production of e, Professor Peters said. refore the improvement of ventional plant and the elopment of a novel coking cess had research priority. rk on an experimental unit, pre-carbon process, prom1 improvements by cutting time taken to prepare fuel blast furnaces and by subtially reducing waste of rgy and material.

The technique, a continuous process to make the coke, had reached the stage of a large-scale trial with a daily output of 300 tons.

An important British development, the construction of fluidized bed plant for a small power station, was described by Dr J. Gibson, director, Coal Research Establishment, National Coal Board.

Coal with a high sulphur content could be used in that method of burning because of the improvement in the quality of the flue gases which escaped to the atmosphere. Fluidized combustion under pressure was the most attractive way of burning coal cleanly and economically and taking advantage of the efficiency of new techniques for generating electricity.

Low-grade fuels, including materials other than coal, could be burnt successfully in fluidized units. Furnaces could range from small devices for industry to large ones for power stations.

Fluidized bed development has become attractive in the United States. Reflecting the new drive in America to obtain energy self-sufficiency, Mr W. McCurdy, Office of Coal Research, gave figures of a research and development programme to revive the use of coal that dwarfed the combined efforts of all the other countries attending the meeting.

He said coal consumption by the electric utilities last year in the United States was 348 million tons. Growth rate for the first half of 1974 was 7 per cent. Critical power shortages might appear in coming years as residential and commercial energy users were forced from oil and gas to electricity. Lead time for new nuclear plants was 10 years or more.

That situation had created wide interest for fluidized bed combustion and a 30 megawatt unit was being installed at an operating power plant. A pressurized system of about the same capacity was to be built soon and plans for a 200 megawatt demonstration plant were being completed.

Oxfordshire tests: The National Coal Board is about to start test drilling in the Oxfordshire coalfield to decide once and for all whether the vast reserve is worth working (our Oxford correspondent writes).

The field stretches across north Oxfordshire, from Banbury and Bicester through Steeple Aston and Chipping Norton to Witney, and is believed to contain 10,000 million tonnes of low-grade power-station coal, a far bigger reserve than the Selby field in Yorkshire, which is at an advanced stage of exploration.

The coal board said that because of the oil crisis it had to start a crash programme of exploration across the country to establish the reserves it has.

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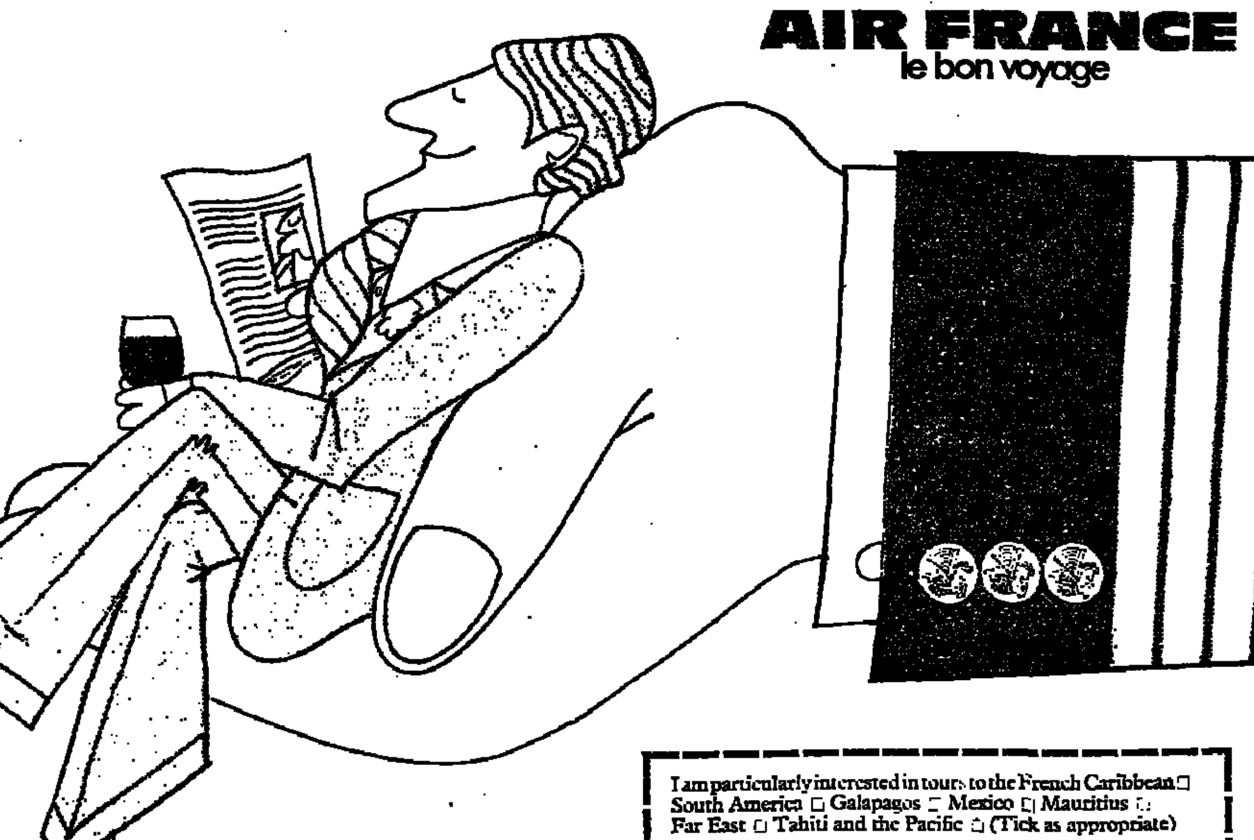

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The moment of truth has arrived, Mr Heath asserts

By John Winder

Mr Heath made a final appeal yesterday to the "don't knows". He presented a choice between a "dull, bleak, flat and soulless society" and a means to survive and eventually to prosper by backing the Conservatives.

The moment of truth, he told a packed hall at Gravesend, Kent, had come for politicians and voters alike.

There were two Labour parties, he said. One would be more than likely prepared to join hands with political opponents in the national interest if they were free to do so. However, they dare not do it because it would split the Labour Party wide open between the Social Democrats and the dominant left wing.

Without mentioning Neville Chamberlain by name Mr Heath compared the words of Mr Wilson that the British people wanted "a little peace and quiet" with the phrase of 1938, offering "peace in our time". The latter, he said, had been followed within 12 months by the terrible reckoning.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Mr Heath and Mr Wilson agreed yesterday that the question of extending or reducing the period of election campaigns should be referred to a Speaker's Conference.

He did not believe that the British people would tomorrow run away from reality again if they knew that the nation was once more ready to come together to face immense dangers. However, he turned to the possibility of an appalling mischance, such as people wasting their votes by voting Liberal and thus returning a Labour government. What would that mean for the future? It would mean a Britain poor, socialist, and alone.

Speaking later in his constituency at Bexley, Sidcup, Mr Heath said that now was the time when voters should put country before party. The only way to do that was to vote Conservative.

Answering a question on how many of the main aims of the Liberal Party he could accept, Mr Heath said Mr Thorpe had stated that none of the aims would be made conditions of working with another party after the election. Mr Thorpe was right. The Conservatives had laid down no conditions and it was not for other leaders to do so.

At the end of the meeting the audience sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".

This is the customary method of dealing with changes in the electoral law, and any change in the Representation of the People Act which the conference might recommend would come before the Commons for endorsement, on a free vote.

Unlike Mr Wilson, who thought it might be a good idea to reduce the electioneering period to two weeks, Mr Heath, speaking at his last election press conference in London, said there might be a good case for extending it to five or six weeks.

If it were a longer period, said Mr Heath, it was argued that there would be more balance in the reporting and discussion of the issues.

Mr Wilson and Mr Heath were in agreement on one point: in a sense the election campaign had been going on for seven months since the inconclusive result of the last election.

But Mr Wilson thought there might be a case for still further shortening the election period.

"In this election I think most people have made up their minds quite early", he said. "There are problems about it, in that Mr Heath himself in February—and I did not criticize him for it—departed from my previous practice of giving 31 days' notice of the election. I more or less followed his February precedent by having 22 days; he had 21 days."

Lord Avebury, one of the leading organizers in the Liberal Party, thought three weeks was about right.

FINAL FORECASTS OF THE POLLS

	Oct 10						Feb 28
Poll	C	Lab	L	Date Fieldwork	Size of Sample	Av~ error	C lead over-estimated by
Gallup	36.0	41.5	19.0	Oct 7-8	779	0.6	1.2
Marplan	33.3	43.0	19.5	Oct 8	1,024	3.7	1.2
Louis Harris	33.5	43.5	20	Oct 5-6	2,023	2.1	4.2

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			Con	Lab	Lib	Comm	Plaid C Scot N	Others
ENGLAND 516 (1,674)	33,063,699	26,135,154 79.0%	10,505,470 40.2% 268* (516)	9,835,537 37.6% 237 (516)	5,578,948 21.3% 9 (452)	13,379 — — (23)	— — —	201,820 0.8% 2 (167 incl 54 Nat Front)
SCOTLAND 71 (265)	3,653,990	2,886,653 79.0%	950,901 32.9% 21 (71)	1,058,159 36.6% 40 (71)	229,099 7.9% 3 (34)	15,069 0.5% — (15)	632,032 21.9% 7 (70)	1,393 — — (4)
WALES 36 (148)	1,992,742	1,593,833 80.0%	412,535 25.9% 8 (36)	745,547 46.8% 24 (36)	255,423 16.0% 2 (31)	4,293 0.3% — (6)	171,364 10.7% 2 (36)	4,671 0.3% — (3)
N IRELAND 12 (48)	1,041,886	717,586 68.9%	94,301 13.1% — (7)	15,483 2.1% — (4)	— — — (—)	— — — (—)	— — — (—)	607,802 84.7% 12 (37)
U KINGDOM 635 (2,135)	39,752,317	31,333,226 78.8%	11,963,207 38.2% 297* (630)	11,654,726 37.2% 301 (627)	6,063,470 19.3% 14 (517)	32,741 0.1% — (44)	803,396 2.6% 9 (106)	815,686 2.6% 14 (211)

*including The Speaker.

Votes shown as Conservative in Northern Ireland relate to Unionist candidates who supported the Sunningdale Agreement.

Council role for Liverpool MPs

From John Chartres
Liverpool

"You won't find anyone in this yard opposed to nationalization," the shop steward said at Cammell Laird's. "The Government owns half of it anyway and we would all have been out of jobs if they hadn't bailed us out years ago."

"Don't you think your party's too soft with the workers? You let them get away with murder," a housewife, aged 60, living in the shadow of Everton football ground challenged Mr Eric Heffer, Labour candidate for the Walton division and Minister of State for Industry.

"Can you get something done about our telly reception?" another woman in the same street asked. "That new stand on the football ground just blocks us all out and all we get is coloured snowstorms".

"Don't you think you should hang the IRA bombers?" asked the anxious father of a 20-year-old who has just left his council home to enlist in the Guards.

Of such is the stuff of Liverpool politics. Mr Heffer, the best-known national figure among the city's eight former MPs (seven of them Labour) is finding that 90 per cent of the questions he is asked are on such subjects as leaking roofs, rents, and housing allocations, and are really more relevant to city councillors.

Most other candidates find the same trend although the first three questions at a forum organized in the marginal Garston constituency by Radio Merseyside were on the economic state of the nation, nationalization, and the disillusionment and boredom of the electorate.

However low-key the election may appear, the 400,000 voters of Liverpool have made and broken many a government. It was recognition of the understandable preoccupation with a multitude of local and personal problems which probably launched the Liberal Party into prominence and power on the city council last year.

Brimful of confidence and describing the city as the bright jewel in the crown of the Liberal successes of 1972 and 1973, the party's performance was disappointing in February with one candidate coming in second place and Mr Cyril Carr, a former chairman of the party, and Mr Trevor Jones, a former president, taking third place in their constituencies.

A senior and cynical member of the city's press club said that the main political interest in Liverpool in February was how well the Liberals would do; this time it was how badly they would do.

That is a little unkind. The Liberal organization has done much heart-searching, including an open controversy between Mr Jones and Mr Carr. In the best Merseyside political traditions that was quickly healed and was regarded as a healthy piece of democracy.

February was the first time the Liberals had fought all the Liverpool seats for 50 years and many of the leaders now privately admit they were probably tactically wrong in expecting their community politics line to succeed in a parliamentary contest.

Neither Mr Carr nor Mr Jones is standing here this time, the former being under medical orders to rest and the latter fighting Gillingham in Kent.

The Liberals' performances will be critical in at least two seats; Liverpool, Garston, which fell from a safe Conservative majority of 7,000 in 1970 to a left-wing socialist with a 681 toehold in February; and Liverpool, Edge Hill, where Mr David Alton, aged 24, came as near as it would be possible to perturbing that elder statesman, Sir Arthur Irvine, by taking second place for the Liberals with nearly 27 per cent of the vote.

The predominantly middle-class Wavertree division, the only one remaining in Conservative hands in February, has to be watched too, with Mr Tony Limont, aged 32, a barrister and active member of both the city and county councils, having taken on the Liberal mantle from Mr Carr. Mr Carr, in spite of coming third, polled nearly 26 per cent of the vote.

Unless the Liberals' high degree of confidence is justified, the city seems likely to follow trends in other industrial

Labour goes to 4-1 on as bets rise to £1.5m

General election betting is likely to top the £1.5m mark, if the expected last minute rush of cash materializes today. The big three bookmakers cut Labour's odds on victory last night to 4-1 on or 7-2 on.

Ladbrokes, who took £140,000 yesterday, are already topping £500,000. Bets have come in from 14 countries, including one from Australia of £10,000 to win and £8,000 on no overall majority.

Joe Coral report takings of £300,000, and they expect to close their book with a total of about £500,000.

But a disappointed William Hill, who have taken about £300,000 so far, said: "At this stage in February it was more like £700,000. Put it down to general belt-tightening."

Bets last night—Tories: 3-1 or 11-4; Liberals: 50-1 or 60-1; no overall majority: 5-4.

Holidaymakers' 'vote'

Some 850 holidaymakers unable to vote in the election have taken part in an opinion poll conducted by Thomson Holidays at 20 of their hotels in Benidorm, Spain: 41.36 opted for the Conservatives, 39.60 for Labour and 19.04 for the Liberals.

Prime Minister scoffs at health rumours

At his London press conference yesterday Mr Wilson dismissed rumours about his health.

"According to rumours, I have had three strokes, two heart attacks, and I am suffering from leukaemia and I am going blind", he said. "I don't know who puts these silly stories out. I did strain my knee last November and I thought I was suffering from housemaid's knee. My knee is now better".

Early voting: Mr Wilson and Mr Heath will vote in the same Westminster constituency today but at different polling stations. Later they will leave for their constituencies.

Tories support curbs on use of oil

By Our Political Staff

Economies in oil consumption were presented as imperative by Mr Heath when he closed his campaign at the Conservative Central Office yesterday.

After saying that we must consume less and import less, he added that there must be economies in oil consumption if people today were not to go down in history as the generation who saddled their children with the burden.

The choice for the people was between unfair and involuntary sacrifices and fair sacrifices accepted in advance and shared by a united people, led by a government of national unity that Conservatives wished to form.

Mr Heath said he was not talking about rationing. It was possible for industry in particular to bring about considerable savings of oil and fuel

Asked whether any government he led would reflate, Mr Heath replied that first they would need to see the facts and figures—the Budget forecast for the year. If the Budget deficit was going to be much greater than Mr Healey said on Budget day, one had to approach reflation with the greatest caution.

But cash had to be got back into industry and into agriculture if there were not to be heavier unemployment and more bankruptcies. To assume unemployment and reflate automatically would lead to even more inflation.

At the Labour campaign conference, Mr Healey said that whatever government emerged this week would have to unite the British people in a collective effort to overcome problems, that were shaking the world. Britain could have a major influence on the attitude of other countries. "There is no place for panic or despair. Those who seek to engender such unreasoning response to the challenge are doing the British people a disservice."

For two years at least the dangers would remain formidable, but he believed the modest progress the British people and Government had achieved together over the past seven months gave grounds for sober confidence.

Mr Wilson commented that "we have a couple of years of pretty grim uphill work ahead of us", but that was not the same as talking about catastrophe.

Campaign produced few surprises

Continued from page 1

different country. On Wednesday, he said, there was proof that living standards were falling fast, that investment in future jobs was falling, and that bankruptcies were at a record. Now there was proof that even the most efficient firms, like Marks & Spencer, had been driven to cut back investment and to look to the future with despondency "as a direct result of Labour's mismanagement and interference". The retail trade said that prices were rising at around 20 per cent a year or more.

"Britain", declared Mr Heath, "faces a difficult and dangerous war against inflation and unemployment, with no certainty of winning it unless we take the right decisions in time". If Britain got a Labour Government for five years "we will not see a Britain united to deal with this situation"; there would be extreme left measures "which we have forced them to keep under wraps while they were a minority Government".

Mr Heath mentioned nationalization of great firms with household names; concessions on picketing "which will undermine the law and the police"; concessions to the big unions that went far beyond negotiation and conciliation and became appeasement.

Throughout the campaign, Mr Wilson retorted in his last words flung across Smith Square towards Conservative Central Office, the Conservatives "have not put forward a single constructive proposal to deal with a crisis which was apparent to all last year well before the increase in oil prices worsened it"—except to televise NEDC (National Economic Development Council) and to hold talks about talks about talks about a coalition.

The British people would not be panicked, he said, by the Conservatives. The Labour Government had the men and the measures to get Britain out of the crisis, and their message to the people was: "Don't let them talk you out of it."

The tactics at Labour and Conservative headquarters were fairly obvious. Mr Heath was taking a last chance to hammer home that the gathering crisis is of a magnitude that only a government of national unity, or a coalition government, could be trusted to handle. Mr Wilson and Mr Healey had, so far as they felt able, to diminish the scale of the crisis or otherwise expose themselves to questions about their stewardship in the past seven months.

And Mr Thorpe made his predictable contribution to the eve-of-poll argument: he called again for the break-up of the two-party system and the politics of division. "The electorate", he said, "no longer takes it for granted that the two-party system will last for ever. There is no God-given right for the Conservative and Labour parties to rule this country in perpetuity." Six million made that assertion in February; today, at the polls, millions more stood on the brink of joining them.

So ends the campaign, much where it began. All the main party leaders agree that it has been a quiet, thoughtful, and serious campaign; and they may be right, although when they have said that in the past they have meant that the electors are apathetic.

It has been a campaign that failed to produce any surprises, dramas, or even the dirty tricks that Mr Wilson once feared. Unlike all recent elections, it failed to dominate the headlines and create excitement.

Even such uncovenanted events as Mrs Williams's threat to leave active politics if the EEC ballot goes against her judgment, Lord Chalfont's resignation from the Labour Party, and the synchronization with the campaign of the Ford strike made no lasting impact on the argument.

As Mr Wilson remarked yesterday, in a real sense the election campaign ran for seven months. After February's effectual tie, there had to be a replay, and electoral interest could not for so long a period be sustained at a high pitch. Mr Heath even suggested yesterday that some of the electorate resent the interference of politics with their favourite television programmes. (By contrast, Mr Wilson thought television politics a branch of light entertainment, unless serious interviewers were involved.)

After seven months of campaigning, there is a paradox. All the portents of the polls suggest that Labour must win comfortably, but Labour's party managers do not brim with overwhelming confidence. They are uncertain, as their Conservative counterparts are, about the level of polling, about the risks of complacency among their supporters, and about an unusually large number of voters who say they still have not decided.

In spite of Labour's overwhelming lead in the opinion polls, there is a widespread sense that there may be another close-run result.

The opinion poll forecasts of Labour's lead on the last lap may themselves become an important factor today by encouraging Conservative and Labour supporters to vote tactically to keep out the least desired candidate.

The election will almost certainly prove decisive for the future of Mr Wilson and Mr Heath as leaders of their parties. Should Mr Heath win, if only by a margin sufficient to enable him to form a coalition government on a five-year lease, Mr Wilson could scarcely expect to be wearing the mantle of leadership still in his mid-60s, even though Labour leaders are hard to unseat.

On the Conservative side there is already some muted discussion about who might succeed Mr Heath in the aftermath of a defeat. It cannot be said that, after deaths, resignations, and the wear and tear of office, the Conservative frontbench is rich in crown princes.

But Mr William Whitelaw, who now as party chairman extends his influence beyond Westminster to the Conservative rank-and-file, has been embarrassed more than once during the campaign by questions whether he could be drafted.

Liberals are ready to rule, Mr Thorpe says

From Christopher Walker
Barnstaple

To the disappointment of some senior Liberal Party tacticians, Mr Thorpe yesterday reverted to his role as a dedicated constituency politician for the closing stages of his campaign, rejecting the possibility of a televised eve-of-poll speech in favour of a handful of rallies in scattered parts of Devon.

During his final address, Mr Thorpe maintained firmly that the Liberal Party had earned its chance to govern. "Our years of constructive opposition have prepared us for office", he said. "While other parties have concentrated on the politics of confrontation, each seeking to undermine the credibility of the other, only the Liberal Party has taken a step back from the daily slanging match to take a long, hard look at the state of the nation."

Looking fit and buoyant in spite of the rigours of his helicopter tours, Mr Thorpe argued that Liberal policies had been developed over a period of time, not hastily produced overnight as a result of market research, or concocted from the propaganda of dogmatic socialism.

"It is now time to give these policies a chance", he said at a rally of the faithful at the village of South Molton. "There is nothing to be gained by a return to the much tried and failed policies of Conservatives—with a human face or otherwise. There is everything to lose by staking our future on a programme of mass nationalization

Maintaining his campaign dictum of attacking both main parties, Mr Thorpe said: "We cannot afford the expense of Mr Benn: we will not suffer the abrasiveness of Mr Heath and we will no longer be bemused into indecision by the contortions of Mr Wilson."

Earlier, during a day which included such traditional pre-election pursuits as hugging babies and even imitating chickens, Mr Thorpe refused to the last to admit publicly whether he would be prepared to join a government headed by Mr Heath.

The nearest he came to saying no was when asked whether he thought Mr Heath capable of heading such a government. "I must confess that I would have thought it was unlikely to be acceptable to the Labour Party", he replied. "And while I do not wish to indulge in personalities, I would have thought that the architect of confrontation in February is not exactly the apostle of unity to hold together all political parties in a government of national unity."

With a majority of over 11,000, Mr Thorpe should have no difficulties today in holding the seat he first won from the Tories in 1959. That is the reason some Liberal organizers have criticized his decision to remain put here during the final crucial 48 hours before polling.

Scottish polls vary, but SNP counts its gains

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

As the campaigning ends and the voting begins, the most compelling question of the general election in Scotland remains how strongly the Scottish National Party will be represented in the next Parliament.

Two opinion polls published by the *Glasgow Herald* give the nationalists phenomenally increased support. In the north of Scotland, the poll by System Three, Scotland, gives the party 43 per cent, with the Tories second with 24 per cent. In the east, the nationalists are placed with 37 per cent. The Labour Party has 29 per cent and the Tories 23 per cent. Both polls show a sharp drop in Conservative support

Mr William Wolfe, chairman of the SNP, cautiously admitted yesterday that the polls supported their own findings. He told a press conference in Edinburgh that if the forecast by the party's president, of one million SNP votes, came true this would represent 37 per cent of the Scottish poll, making the SNP statistically the largest party with 31 seats.

"If we get a mandate from the people of Scotland we will put forward a Bill and obtain by constitutional means and reasoned debate a parliament for Scotland."

ORC reservations: The Labour Party enters the final hours of the election campaign in Scotland with a commanding 19.5 per cent lead over the Conservatives.

Support for the SNP appears to have faltered in the past week, after showing signs of reaching a breakthrough point in the middle of the campaign. The Labour Party has increased its share of support among committed voters by 4.5 per cent in the past week, largely, it would seem, as a result of a change of heart among some SNP and Liberal supporters.

These are two of the major findings in the final election survey of Scotland carried out by Opinion Research Centre, and shown in the table below.

ORC estimates that there is less than one chance in a hundred that a Labour lead of 19.5 per cent in a survey of this size does not reflect a real Labour lead among the electorate as a whole, but ORC says that these figures should not be treated as a forecast of the outcome of the election. They are based on interviews carried out last weekend.

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	February Election	Sept 19-22	Sept 26-29	Now	GB now
C	32.9	24	22	23	33
Lab	36.7	41	38	42.5	43
L	7.9	12	11	9.5	20
SNP	21.9	23	28	25	3
Others	0.6	*	1	—	1
Lab lead over C	3.7	17	16	19.5	10
Voting intention not given	—	12	12	10	9

Note: * indicates less than 0.5%.

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10/1	7-12	20/1
12/1	13-18	25/1
12/1	19-24	33/1
14/1	25-30	50/1
14/1	31-36	50/1
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Liberal	No. of seats	Scottish Nat
66/1	1-5	10/1
6/1	6-10	9/4
6/4	11-15	7/4
2/1	16-20	11/4
10/1	21-25	10/1
16/1	26-30	20/1
25/1	31-35	33/1
40/1	36-40	50/1

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GENERAL ELECTION

Mr Jenkins emphasizes necessity for Labour supporters to vote despite victory forecasts by polls

From Peter Evans
Birmingham

The Labour Party needed to make a great effort to get its full vote out, Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, said at a press conference in Birmingham yesterday.

"I do not quite believe this morning's opinion polls", he said. "It is not going to be quite as easy or as decisive as that. I think, frankly, there are going to be difficulties about getting a turnout . . . as big as in February."

The alternative to a Labour victory was Mr Heath getting in with a curious combination of people with policies as yet unspecified.

Mr Jenkins said Mr Heath's idea for a national coalition government had not gone well. He had done it in "too political a way".

Mr Jenkins agreed that there was a widespread underlying desire for the nation to pull together, but this was something different from just putting together a coalition at the top. That was unconvincing and clearly a device to keep the Tory party in power.

People were more interested in policies than coalitions. "I think Mr Heath has done it the wrong way round", Mr Jenkins said.

Asked if he ever envisaged the possibility in the future of leading a party of the centre, he replied that he had made his position quite clear. He was fighting for a Labour victory at Birmingham, Stechford and for a victory for the Labour Party in the country.

On Labour's inflation policy, asked if he ruled out the possibility of import controls, Mr Jenkins replied that import controls increased the possibility of retaliation and a down-turn in world trade. But he added: "You can never totally rule out import controls."

Mrs Thatcher at yesterday's Conservative press conference reiterating the party's promise to reduce interest on home mortgages to 9½ per cent by Christmas.

Mrs Thatcher, shadow spokesman on housing and the environment, repeated the five Conservative pledges on housing and rates when she spoke at the party press conference yesterday morning (Geoffrey Smith writes). They are:

1. To reduce the maximum mortgage interest rate to 9½ per cent by Christmas. This will not affect rate of interest paid to depositors. Those who have very large loans will only get the benefit of the 9½ per cent ceiling on the first £25.000.

2. To help first-time home buyers save for the deposit with a £1 grant for every £2 saved regularly, up to a maximum of £5 weekly, over two years.

3. To give council tenants of at least three years' standing the legal right to buy their house or flat at two-thirds of the market price.

4. To give immediate help to all ratepayers by transferring the cost of teachers' salaries and more of the cost of the police and fire services from the rates to the Exchequer as from next April.

5. To abolish the system of household rates altogether over the normal four to five-year period of a Parliament and replace it by a more broadly based system of taxes.

Tory pledge to drop insurance increases

By Our Political Staff

Conservative pledges for immediate action on the social services were set out yesterday by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Opposition spokesman covering the department.

A Conservative government would pay a Christmas bonus to all eight million pensioners, £10 for a single pensioner and £20 for a married couple, he said. It would increase retirement pensions and other long-term benefits every six months. The next increase would come at the latest by next February.

Sir Geoffrey said the Conservatives would ensure that the 1,800,000 million self-employed people did not have to pay the "huge unfair increases" in contributions—as much as £3 extra a week—that Labour would impose.

"The self-employed include a very wide range of people who have the initiative to run their own businesses. Many of them are small shopkeepers. They should be encouraged by Government policy, not penalized.

Sir Geoffrey said a Conservative government would implement in full the recommendations of the Halsbury Committee for the pay of nurses and related medical professions. It would set up an independent inquiry to make urgent recommendations for improving the Whitley machinery, which determined pay and conditions for many of those working in the health service.

In addition, the Conservatives would start their second pension scheme to help future generations of pensioners not later than April, 1976, and would introduce the tax credit scheme. This would go a long way towards ending means tests altogether. It would mean much more effective help for pensioners and poorer families. The earnings rule for pensioners would be abolished.

Election notebook **Philip Howard**

Now the waves are helping to rule Britannia

Radio and television have largely replaced the hustings in providing a platform on which the British public can argue face-to-face with their politicians. Audiences at public meetings tend increasingly to be screened, and the more argumentative of them tend to be cut off from their argument after their first question. On Radio 4's admirable *Election Call* one voter has already told Mr Cyril Smith to go and get stuffed—a suggestion of Gargantuan fantasy—and Robin Day does his best, unlike the chairmen of public meetings, to stop the politicians evading the question and answering one they would prefer to have been asked.

The programmes have attracted an average of more than 400 calls at this election, with many more queueing to get through to the 16 direct lines to the studio. Advance notice is taken of the proposed questions, and the producer prepares a short list of the best, most topical, most relevant, most amusing and least nutty. The questioners are then rung back and the argument goes out live, with Robin Day acting as the only safety net against outrage and obscenity.

Mr Bernard Tate, the executive producer who picks the final short list of questions, says: "The strength of the programme is that the general public ask the questions they want answered far more directly and persistently than professional journalists would dare to." When Mr Callaghan turned a question back on his caller yesterday, the caller said sharply: "It is my Election Call to you, not yours to me."

● Granada Television has broken new ground by proving that, contrary to the misapprehensions of the party managers, it is possible to televise a large political debate without it's degenerating into an unproarious bare-prejudice garden.

Its programme *Granada 500* started in February by scientifically selecting a cross-section of about 500 voters in Preston, a notorious thermometer seat tending with monotonous regularity to the party that wins the election. These were exposed to all the election propaganda by radio, television and newspaper to see what effect it had on them. They were also made to attend a daily debate lasting over an hour with such non-political experts as economists and builders in Preston Guildhall.

Nobody created a scene or a hubbub. Nobody died of boredom. It was such a notable success and contribution to the political process that the programme secured a great coup by getting the three party leaders to appear separately at this election, with time allocated in a ratio of 5 : 5 : 4 to Labour, Conservatives and Liberals. However, the party leaders drew the line at all arranging to be in Preston on the same evening, so the magnificent 500 had to be brought to London in a special train. And the voters of Preston, understandably reluctant to suffer such a protracted ordeal for nothing, now have to be paid a fee of £3 an appearance, with the possibility of negotiating more open to those in particularly wellpaid work.

● Discord in Tannochbrae: Dr Cameron (Andrew Cruickshank) is campaigning for the Scottish nationalists in Kinross and West Perthshire. Bill Simpson (Dr Finlay of the Casebook) has done a party political broadcast in Scotland for the Tories. The Conseravtive headquarters' switchboard was jammed for hours afterwards by callers saying that it was the best party political broadcast they had heard.

Shadow minister who has grown in stature through airing parents' woes

By Tim Devlin

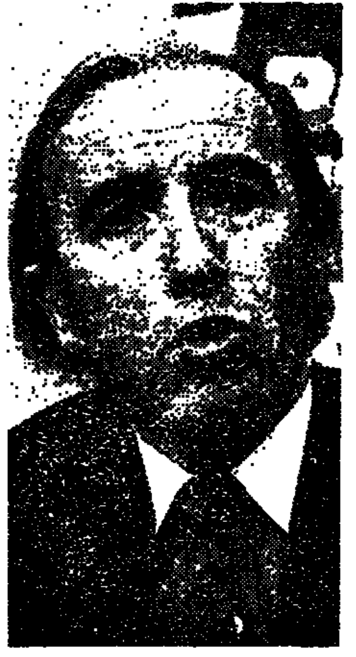
Mr Norman St John-Stevas, who has been largely responsible for bringing education out as an election issue, has grown in political stature since taking over the shadow portfolio of education last summer. If the Conservatives win, it will be in no small part due to his eloquent advocacy of Tory policy throughout the campaign.

But what has been good for the man and for his party has also been a mixed blessing for education. The three main tenets of his educational policy are: the preservation of good grammar and direct grant schools; a charter of parents' rights; and the raising of educational standards.

He is also campaigning for a flexible school-leaving age, a better deal for universities, the non-dissolution of the colleges of education, better-paid teachers, more nursery schools, higher grants for married women students and reduced contributions from parents on student grants.

His manifesto has all the strengths of an opportunist document devised swiftly and skilfully in the run-up to an election; it airs the profound grievances held by many sections of the educational community.

But it has the weakness of promising much in advance and of having an air of salvation for schools vested in St John-Stevas.



Mr St John-Stevas: raised education as an election issue.

The salvation for schools lies in a speedy decision to bury the controversy over grammar schools and comprehensives. It has bedevilled education for more than 10 years to the exclusion of almost everything else and to the detriment of the whole. It does not need research from America or from an international team of educationists to prove that the appointment of good teachers, particularly good headteachers, and allowing them more freedom to carry out their reforms is far more important for education than the title of the school. But, first Mrs Margaret Thatcher, then Mr St John-Stevas, have sought to impede progress towards a comprehensive system.

His programme for raising standards by enlarging the inspectorate is considered more dangerous. It smacks of imposing standards from above. The strength of the British education system has been the independence of the curriculum and *a large part of the running of* schools from central control. The "Blessed Margaret", as Mr St John-Stevas fondly refers to Mrs Thatcher, refrained very smartly from interfering in matters which were the concern of local education authorities.

But should the Conservatives win, her proposals for paying teacher's salaries from central government funds, instead of from the rates, will be combined with Mr St John-Stevas's for a central diktat from the inspectorate on what is taught in schools. Both threaten to change our existing education service beyond recognition.

Those who advocate more central control point to the gravity of the education crisis; the growth of indiscipline, violence and truancy; and the statutory duty of the Secretary of State to look after the welfare of the service contained in the 1944 Education Act.

These serious difficulties stem from a lack of money and the general nature of society. With or without money no previous minister of education has been able to change society.

Mr Powell ends his campaign with pipe tunes

From Christopher Warman
Banbridge, co Down

Mr Enoch Powell ended his ninth election campaign yesterday, attempting this time to return to the House of Commons, from which he exiled himself last February, with a final day of canvassing and a rally in the heart of his constituency of Down, South.

During the last fortnight he *has covered more than* 3,000 miles by car in the constituency and has addressed 25 public meetings in the 1,000 square miles of Down, South, which stretch from near Belfast in the north almost to the border with the Irish Republic.

The climax came last night with a rally in Banbridge preceeded by a traditional march through the town. The procession was led by several pipe and flute bands, with such evocative names as The Banbridge Young Defenders and the Geoghan Memorial Pipe Band, at this unusual ceremony for Mr Powell's political career. He and his wife, Pamela, rode in anticipatory triumph through the town on the back of a lorry.

Mr Powell will spend today visiting polling stations in 67 different locations. The latest indications are that in spite of a certain amount of cavilling in certain quarters at the insrusion of an outsider, and particular Powellian utterances on the need to vote Labour, the voters will turn out in force for him.

State of the parties

The Speaker	1
Labour	298
Conservative	296
Liberal	15
Ulster Unionists	11
Scottish nationalists	7
Welsh nationalists	2
Social Democratic and Labour (Mr G. Fitt)	1
Democratic Labour (Mr Dick Taverne, QC)	1
Ind Labour (Mr E. Milne)	1
Vacant (Newcastle upon Tyne, East, and Swansea, East, both formerly held by Labour)	2
Total	635

Liberal burglary is not a Watergate

By Stewart Tendler

Hopes of a potential Watergate to spice the last minutes of the election were raised yesterday when police were called to the Liberal Party headquarters in London to investigate a burglary.

However, the raiders who ransacked 10 offices in the headquarters, off the Strand, seem to have garnered few secrets. Indeed party officials said they did not think there were any left at this stage of the campaign for anybody to take.

A preliminary investigation by detectives and staff revealed very discriminatory criminals. After making their entrance via a fire escape and a window, they took some aspirins, a woman's make-up kit and a weekend bag. They left untouched a pound note on a desk but took a 10p piece. A portable television set and office equipment went untouched but the burglars could not resist a nip of whisky.

One climbed on a desk to examine files and his footprints were discovered. So were a pair of men's shoes. A safe was opened with keys which had been left in the offices, but then the burglars found the keys would not work on a second safe which they left unopened.

The police, while treating the burglary seriously, dismissed any connotations of political chicanery. After all, two other offices had been entered near by.

Mr John Holmes, the party's chief agent, said: "There seems to be little damage apart from inconvenience."

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Private lives of many West Germans kept on secret service files

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Oct 9

The West German secret service kept massive files on 54 of the country's leading public figures, a parliamentary inquiry committee heard in Bonn today.

In evidence given to the special committee investigating the espionage scandal which led Herr Brandt to resign as Chancellor in May, Professor Horst Ehmke, Minister in the Chancellery, and thus responsible for intelligence, until 1972, read out a list of names on which he said files had been kept.

The federal intelligence service is officially and explicitly restricted in its operations to the gathering of information abroad and has no such duties within West Germany.

Professor Ehmke said he had been told in December, 1969, not long after he became Chancellery Minister, that the files existed. His informant was former Lieutenant General Gerhard Wessel, head of federal intelligence in succession to the famous General Reinhard Gehlen, who retired in 1967.

On hearing of this, he had ordered Herr Wessel to put the dossiers "in the oven or the paper-shredder". The files had contained "all possible" information on the people covered, including a "jolly jumble" of details.

Among the names he mentioned as having been included in the extra-curricular internal files of the secret service were Herr Heinrich Lübke (former federal President), Herr Brandt, Dr Kurt-Georg Kiesinger and Dr Ludwig Erhard (all former Chancellors).

The list given by Professor Ehmke includes leading personalities, past and present, of all political parties, including ministers, opposition leaders, key parliamentary deputies, diplomats, senior civil servants, economists and scientists. The names form a concentrated "Who's Who" of public life in West Germany in the 25 years of the existence of the federal republic.

The former minister also disclosed that the secret service had observed contacts between leading Social Democrat politicians and communists in Eastern Europe and Italy.

In his evidence, which caused a considerable sensation here, Professor Ehmke also said that the secret service had recruited West German journalists as agents in what he called a "campaign" against the Social Democrats and the ruling coalition which included them and the Free Democrats.

The Secret Service had defied repeated orders from the Chancellery to refrain from espionage within the country's borders. Two years after he had ordered the destruction of the secret dossiers, it had been discovered that the intelligence agency had been gathering information on the internal affairs of the Social Democratic Party. That was in 1971.

This had illegally been passed on to "interested persons in the political field." Professor Ehmke added that Herr Wessel himself, even before the coalition came to power at the end of 1969, had given orders that all espionage activity inside West Germany must cease.

Professor Ehmke emphasized that the vast majority of intelligence officers did their duty and he had often defended them as the responsible minister. He was not attacking the intelligence service as an institution, but he was criticizing the leadership of the agency at the relevant time.

Airlift for birds: Swallows, sent by air from Switzerland, are released near Nice.

Airlift is killing swallows

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Oct 9

While thousands of swallows, so enfeebled by hunger and cold as to be unable to cross the Alps, are continuing to be shipped by air for release on the Mediterranean or in North Africa, disquiet is felt over the death rate.

Up to a quarter are reported to have died.

On Monday, the entire cargo space on a Geneva-Tunis flight will be available for swallows, which will be taken by truck from Tunis for release about 300 miles south.

Paris, Oct 9.—The French League for the Protection of Birds today told people to stop collecting swallows to be flown from cold areas. It said they were unable to stand the aircraft flight and "were dying in ever growing numbers".

The migration mystery has been partially explained by the theory that swallows nested late this year and the young were too small and weak to fight the sudden arrival of winter.—Agence France-Presse.

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President Ford's economic plan explained to EEC

From Roger Berthoud
Brussels, Oct 9

President Ford's special trade representative, Mr William Eberle, today began a tour designed to allay European fears that the President's latest economic proposals could jeopardize European exports and jobs, and lead to controls on vital United States agricultural exports like cereals and soya beans.

In a busy day before going on to Paris, Mr Eberle assured members of the European Commission, Mr Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, and representatives of Denmark, Ireland, Holland and Luxembourg that last night's package of proposals was "neutral to positive", and not deflationary.

Mr Eberle told a press conference that the President's proposals were designed to promote policies of the open market, as opposed to beggar-my-neighbour policies. This was a direction in which the United States could give leadership, he thought.

Mr Eberle's overall message was that President Ford had been internationally minded, and had been careful to avoid selfish anti-inflationary measures, which Herr Schmidt and Mr Healey among others had feared could aggravate the present international economic recession.

Last night's proposals, he said, would not only help to fight inflation, but would also encourage the strong and growing United States economy with continued growth in imports from Europe and elsewhere.

He did not believe general controls would have to be introduced on exports of agricultural products. Referring to last week's blocking by President Ford of a substantial grain deal with the Soviet Union, Mr Eberle said the Russians had not cooperated in giving the Administration information about its needs and intentions. People could not be allowed to make massive purchases without the Administration knowing what was going on.

Finally Mr Eberle said the prospects for the Administration's beleaguered trade Bills passage through Congress were "excellent" after a meeting late last night between Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, and the key senators involved. The Gatt round of multilateral trade talks, designed to promote further liberalization, cannot begin unless the Bill passes safely through Congress.

Television staff consider two-days-a-week strikes

Paris, Oct 9.—Staff of the state-run French radio and television system (ORTF), who went on strike yesterday, announced today that the stoppage would continue tomorrow.

They are seeking guarantees of continued employment when the Government's plan to divide the organization into seven separate services comes into effect on January 1.

Union leaders said the staff would be asked to choose between two possible lines of action. They could continue the strike while widening and intensifying the impact of their protest.

Alternatively, they could change tactics, giving notice each week of a strike of 48 hours.

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Two Dutch MPs involved in bribery charges

The Hague, Oct 9.—The Justice Ministry has ordered an investigation into allegations that two Dutch MPs were recently offered bribes by an unnamed foreign aircraft company.

The purpose of the offers, according to the allegations, was to persuade the two members of the Lower House to speak in favour of the company's aircraft as a replacement for the Dutch Air Force's obsolete American Starfighters.

A ministry statement named neither the MPs involved nor the foreign firm alleged to have made the approaches.—Reuter.

Claim to speed record in mental arithmetic

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Oct 9

A new world record in mental arithmetic is believed to have been set by Mr Willem Klein, a Dutchman on the staff of Cern, the European organization for nuclear research.

In front of an audience of United Nations staff, including computer specialists, he extracted the twenty-third root of a 200-digit number in 18 minutes 7 seconds.

Mr Klein, who is 62, has been 16 years with Cern, where mathematical problems are often referred to him, although the laboratory has a computer.

Hospital blamed for murder done by former patient

Grenoble, Oct 9.—A French court today held a psychiatric hospital responsible for a murder committed by one of its former patients 45 days after he was discharged as cured.

The widow of a Marseilles hotel owner murdered by the former patient in February, 1970, had claimed 120,000 francs (£10,900) damages from the state in compensation for her husband's death.

The release of the patient, named as Thomas Ferrandini, had been approved routinely

But the court ruled that the state bore no responsibility for the murder committed by M Ferrandini and laid the blame on the hospital, one of whose doctors had recommended his release.—Reuter.

W Germany can join European warplane project

Bonn, Oct 9.—The way was cleared today for West Germany to join Britain and Italy in developing the next stage of Europe's biggest single defence project—the multi-role combat aircraft (MRCA).

The Bundestag (Lower House) defenc committee and the ruling Social Democrats' parliamentary party approved a Government proposal to build nine prototypes of the all-purpose swing-wing aircraft, which had its maiden flight on August 14

It is planned so far to build 802 aircraft—380 for Britain, 322 for West Germany and 100 for Italy. The three countries are under strong pressure to accept American or French designs for their next generation of warplanes.—Reuter.

Liner sails to a decision on its fate in Le Havre

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Oct 9

The liner France left its moorings off St Vaast-la-Hougue, in the Cherbourg peninsula, this afternoon, and arrived at Le Havre three and a half hours later.

The decision to return to the base port was taken by a substantial majority of the striking crew, in a secret ballot. It was taken at a general meeting on board the liner this morning to endorse an agreement reached by representatives of the union of the Merchant Marine Administration and the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, which operates the liner. About one-fifth of the men opposed the agreement.

Captain Christian Pettré, the liner's master, was on the bridge and in full control of the ship.

M Cavaille, the State Secretary for Transport, said that the agreement on the France was "honourable and acceptable". But the conflict is hardly solved by its return to Le Havre. It does not imply any assurances about its future, which, together with the 1,600 jobs at stake, remains the main point at issue for the strikers.

A statement by M Velitchkovitch, the Secretary General for the Merchant Marine, last night emphasized that negotiations about the reemployment of the crew could not wait upon the long studies about the future of the France.

French employers on the attack

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Oct 9

A newspaper has commented that the French Government's anti-inflation policy had succeeded in antagonizing both employers and labour with credit restrictions and taxes on profits on the one hand and the threat to employment on the other.

The 1,500 delegates of the French Employers Federation meeting in congress at Lille confirm this. M François Ceyrac, its chairman, and M Jacques Ferry, head of its international relations committee, sharply criticized the Government's policy as Malthusian, short-term, and piecemeal. There was a contradiction between a policy of retrenchment and the need for a dynamic policy to restore the balance of payments.

M Ferry condemned the decision to limit oil imports next year as Malthusian. However, the employers had not come to Lille "to raise the standard of revolt, but to see how the exporting spirit could be developed in France".

The warning to the Government was clear, however, with M Ceyrac emphasizing that rationing of oil imports was the very opposite of an encouragement to export because it throttled production.

Instead of paralysing investment and restricting the cash reserves of firms through credit restrictions, the Government should encourage them to win the battle of exports. The oil crisis contained a threat of paralysis for French industry.

"The answer to this challenge cannot be the work of a handful of specialists and technocrats", M Ceyrac said in a dig at the Minister of Finance and his officials. "It calls for a deep-seated reaction, affecting the attitude of all of us."

The challenge had to be met in an atmosphere of freedom, freedom of enterprise, freedom to trade. Otherwise "we would move very rapidly towards regression, towards a closed economy, and generalized state control. Twenty years of effort, of progress, of achievement would be brought into question, for in the past 20 years we have succeeded, beyond all forecasts, in achieving a breakthrough in the world".

He demanded a long-term policy drawn up in consultation with employers.

M Norbert Segard, State Secretary for Foreign Trade, did not reply directly to this criticism. "Faced with a difficult situation," he declared, "we must resist discouragement and protectionism. We must look out for import economies, and industrialists must make their products better known on the domestic market.

"But the only way to eliminate our deficit is to mobilize the whole of our industry on foreign markets. The Government will support the initiative of exporting firms to the full extent compatible with the other priorities and our economic policy of price stabilization."

The Government today approved the special anti-inflation tax nicknamed the "*Serisette*", after the special adviser to the President who devised it. The details have not yet been announced. It aims at penalizing firms which pass wage increases on to the consumer in the form of unwarranted price increases.

It is unpopular with both sides of industry because it worsens the burden of the Government's anti-inflation policy carried by firms; and because it is regarded by labour as a disguised wage freeze.

Italian railways demand £4 fare for goldfish

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Oct 9

The Italian railways have demanded immediate payment from a young woman of 6,600 lire (£4), the estimated fare of two goldfish she carried from Rome to Cassino.

The fish set off from Rome on June 22 carried in a jamjar by Signorina Carmela Tiseo, aged 30. The ticket collector insisted that they came in the category of beasts weighing up to 25 kilograms.

Signorina Tiseo told him that the regulation was stupid, and today, given the demand for payment, commented: "To think that even a Christian only pays 1,550 lire from Rome to Cassino".

Fire at British car factory in Spain

Pamplona, Spain, Oct 9.—Fire broke out at the main plant of the British-owned motor firm of Authi near here today. There were no immediate reports of casualties.—Reuter.

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Cyprus expulsion threat against holders of Turkish visas

From Paul Martin
Nicosia, Oct 9

Britons and other foreigners with interests in the Turkish occupied area will be hit by a new move by the Cyprus Government to thwart a *de facto* Turkish partition. The Government has threatened all those who enter Cyprus through Turkish held ports with instant deportation should they cross to the Greek controlled part of the island.

This is the first move by the Government to restrict the traffic via the Turkish mainland to the northern part of the island. As the only other route is by ship from Piraeus in Greece and ocasionally from Haifa to the southern ports of Limassol and Larnaca it will affect many foreigners coming to the island.

The Turks had been promoting travel to Cyprus through their southern port of Mersin. Regular ferry services operate between Mersin and Famagusta as well as Kyrenia. On arrival in the Turkish-held ports travellers are issued with a visa earing the title "The Autonomous Turkish Administration". Hitherto, the only legal visa was ssued by the Cyprus Government.

In recent days several forigners living on the Turkish-eld side have had difficulty ecause they had this Turkish tamp in their passports. The Greek Cypriots maintain that the tamp is not valid and that they are technically illegal immigrants. As most who come to Cyprus find that the only convenient place to live is on the Greek Cypriot side, this rule will cause problems.

The Greek Cypriots have grown increasingly concerned about the manner in which the Turks have gone ahead with their plans to set up a completely separate administration with its own superstructure. In addition to immigration, the Turkish Cypriots have plans to issue overprinted Turkish passports to their people and have their own postal service using overprinted Turkish stamps.

The reason for the Greek move on travel is that the Government is determined to prove to all concerned that unless there is cooperation between the two sides the Turkish side of the island will be unworkable. As the Turks have declared their desire to have British and other foreign residents settle in areas under their control the question of travel is important.

The Greek Cypriots have lost their air links since the Turks pushed their forces up to the perimeter of Nicosia international airport. The airport is now under United Nations control

However, plans are afoot to go ahead with the Paphos airport project and it is thought than an airfield capable of handling medium-sized passenger aircraft could be completed within a few months.

Gen Amin praises the Colonial Service

Kampala, Oct 9.—President Amin of Uganda today praised the efficiency of the British Colonial Civil Service which administered the country before independence.

In a broadcast to mark the twelfth anniversary of Ugandan independence, he also paid tribute to the service's dedication and discipline.

He said: "Although the British colonial regime in Uganda for over 70 years was chiefly characterized by a systematic exploitation of our economy, social order and culture in favour of non-Ugandans, it is true that that administration in certain circumstances was positive."

The President added that Africa would not be free until the whole continent and surrounding islands had been liberated from colonialism, neo-colonialism and racism. "Uganda shall continue to condemn in the strongest terms minority regimes policing South Africa, Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and so-called Portuguese territories in Africa".

President Amin today conferred the Order of the Source of the Nile (Second Class) on Miss Elizabeth Bagaya, the Ugandan Foreign Minister, Mr Oboth Ofumbi, the Minister of Internal Affairs, and Mr *Emmanuel Kakhweya*,

The latter was responsible for evaluating the losses to British firms and estates when they were taken over by Uganda.

A would-be Israeli settler expostulates with Israeli troops who prevented him and other Jews from slipping into the occupied West Bank area of Jordan.

Go-slow Calcutta dockers arrested

Calcutta, Oct 9.—At least 15 Calcutta dock workers have been arrested under Government emergency measures invoked to break a go-slow at the port, the Dock Labour Board said today.

A board official said the go-slow, which began on September 27 to back demands for higher bonus payments, had seriously affected the unloading of grain ships.

The central Government declared an emergency in the port last Sunday and invoked the Defence of India Regulation, under which any person abandoning his employment without reasonable cause faces imprisonment or a fine or both.

In spite of the decree, the dock workers staged a token strike by working a half shift

Several people were reported to have been injured today in clashes between supporters of two rival political groups in the Kashmir capital of Srinagar.

Police used batons and tear gas to break up fights between supporters of the Kashmir Plebiscite Front and the pro-Pakistan Awami Action Committee.

Trouble broke out after Mr Maulana Farooq, chairman of the Awami Action Committee, tried to address a Muslim congregation at a mosque

The action committee is strongly opposed to moves by the front to make peace with the Indian Government.—Reuter.

Death toll of 16 in Sudan floods

Khartum, Oct 9.—A government group called today for the immediate evacuation of low-lying areas in southern Sudan to avert epidemics as flood waters were reported to be on the rise.

Sixteen people have already been killed and more than 250,000 made homeless in the densely-populated area stricken by the floods, the worst for 28 years.—Reuter.

Palestinian guerrillas to form new group

Beirut, Oct 9.—Four Palestinian guerrilla organizations whose leaders are at present in Iraq, are planning to form a new guerrilla group as a rival to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the Beirut newspaper *As Safir* said today.

The four, known as the "Rejection Front" in the Palestinian resistance movement and which call for the continuation of fighting against Israel until the liberation of all Palestine, are the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the PFLP-General Command, the Iraqi-backed Arab Liberation Front (ALF) and the Popular Struggle Front.

The newspaper said that Mr George Habash, the PFLP leader, had already notified Government officials in South Yemen of the intention of the four to form the new group.

"Habash told oficials in democratic Yemen that the aim of the meeting of the four groups in Baghdad would be to agree on a date for the holding of a Palestinian Popular Congress there to elect a new national council, an executive committee and a central council", *As Safir* said.

Mr Habash's group announced on September 26 that it was withdrawing from the executive committee of the PLO

South Yemen leaders have told Mr Habash that they do not favour the formation of the new group and have called on him to remain within the PLO. UPI.

Deadline set for surrender of Ethiopian governor

Addis Ababa, Oct 9—Ethioia's military Government oday set Friday afternoon as a eadline for the surrender of a rovincial Governor who is the randson of a former Emperor nd is married to the grandaughter of the deposed Emeror Haile Selassie.

The wanted man is Ras Duke) Mengesha Seyound, he outlawed Governor of the orthern province of Tigre, ho has been accused by the ilitary Government of dictaorial and corrupt practices.

Reliable reports say he is in he wild mountainous region of igre and Eritrea, where he as many friends in the Erirean Liberation Front (ELF), he secessionist movement that as been fighting the armed orces for more than a decade.

In a broadcast statement the uling Military Council did not ay where he was hiding, but dicated he was still in Ethioia by saying he would be ought out and arrested and is property confiscated if he id not surrender on Friday.

Ras Mengesha, aged 48, grandson of Emperor Yohannes who was killed at the turn of the century fighting the Sudanese, is married to Haile Selassie's granddaughter Aida.

He disappeared with the eldest of his five sons after Haile Selassie was deposed in a coup last month. His wife is under house arrest in Addis Ababa with her only daughter.

Addis Ababa was calmer today than it was during and after Monday's shooting between rival army factions, in which five soldiers died and six were wounded.

The military Government today withdrew armoured vehicles guarding the two rebellious Engineering Corps barracks, but left strong troop detachments round the buildings.

The Government said some troublemakers had been arrested and would be court-martialled. Dissident troops have been campaigning for an end to military rule and a return to civilian government.—Reuter.

anberra bans ale of Melbourne deed

rom Our Correspondent
elbourne, Oct 9

The Australian Government as prohibited the export of ny document relating to the ale of land between early ictorian settlers and the borigines.

The Government had been formed that what is known as the third Batman deed" was bout to be sold by a Melbourne an to a British buyer. The eed relates to the sale of land n which Melbourne now ands. It is regarded as a luable historical document d Canberra considers that it ould not be permitted to leave e country.

Australian union warned on 'ship payment'

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Oct 9

The Royal Commission investigating indemnity payments by shipowners to maritime unions was told in Melbourne today that the Australian Seamen's Union had threatened to place a ban on the British-owned ship Wild Avocet unless the owners paid $A34,000 (£18,000) to the union.

This was said to be the difference between British and Australian maritime wages. The union was alleged to have said that the money would be paid over to members of the crew and not placed in a special union fund.

oyal tribute to Fiji's inks with Britain

Suva, Fiji, Oct 9.—The ince of Wales today visited evuka, the first capital of ji, and met 12 direct descennts of the chiefs who ceded ji to Queen Victoria 100 ars ago tomorrow.

He told them that he would t have been allowed to meet em on the spot where the t of cession had taken place they had not felt that itain had fulfilled its obligions in accepting Fiji as a lony, bringing order and anquillity to their war-torn nd.

The Prince is spending four ys in Fiji for the centenary its becoming a British lony and the fourth annirsary of its independence.

He told the chiefs that the luntary cession of their untry to Britain by their cestors had been an "astonishing act". Anglo-Fijian friendship had since been based on "an almost unique mutual respect and understanding, not greatly changed by the advent of independence".

Fiji was a stable country and the Prince thought that its connexion with the British Crown had contributed to this.

He was proud "to feel the strength of those bonds, which have no reason as far as I can see to wither and disappear."

The Prince rejoined the Royal Navy survey ship Hydra and sailed about 15 miles to the islet of Bau, a fortified stronghold which had been the home of Chief Ratu Seru Cakobau, who led the move for cession.

He then returned to the main island of Viti Levu and drove back to Suva.—AP.

rincess leaves Poland fter 'cordial' talks

Warsaw, Oct 9.—Princess exandra today ended her fivey official visit to Poland, the st by a member of the Royal mily to a Warsaw Pact untry.

Before leaving by special ght, the Princess and her husnd, Mr Angus Ogilvy, met Mr zef Tejchma, the Minister of lture.

Princess Alexandra was in arsaw primarily to open an hibition of Polish coins queathed by Major-General rzy Wesierski, who served th the Polish forces in London ring the Second World War.

The press today increased its verage of the visit, which was eated by the Polish authorities nerally in a low key. The mmunist Party organ *Trybuna du* put its report of the visit the front pages

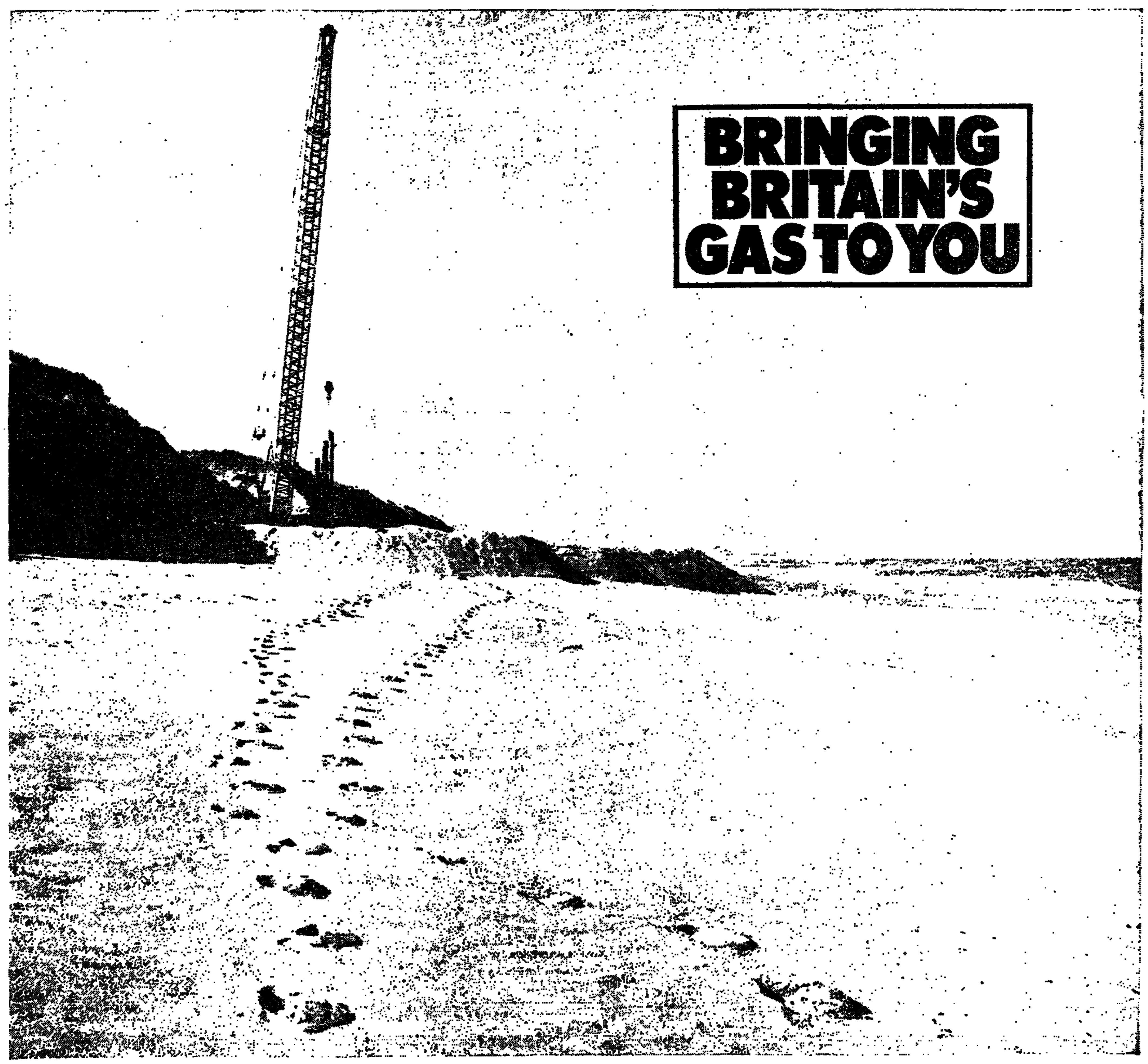
Polish television last night showed its first film coverage of the visit.

Princess Alexandra and Mr Ogilvy were received then by Mr. Henryk Jablonski, the Polish head of state, for what the press today described as "cordial" talks.

The late Duke and Duchess of Kent, the parents of the Princess had spent their honeymoon in Poland, in 1934.

Our Berlin Correspondent writes: Princess Alexandra and Mr Ogilvy arrived in Berlin today as guests of Sir Nicholas Henderson, the British Ambassador to West Germany.

The Princess was entertained by Herr Klaus Schütz, the Chief Burgomaster, tonight. She attended a chamber music concert at Charlottenburg castle.



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Swift action unlikely on President's plan to destroy inflation

From Frank Vogl
United States Economic Correspondent
Washington, Oct 9.

Initial response from leading Congressmen to President Ford's new economic programme suggests that swift action on his proposals will not be forthcoming. This will leave the Federal Reserve Board to continue shouldering the brunt of the Government's anti-inflation efforts for many months to come.

The board has already taken some modest steps to ease monetary policy, but it has given warning that significant easing is contingent on tough deflationary fiscal action. The President has proposed some action now, but it is for Congress alone to depose. It is improbable that the Federal Reserve Board will relax present policies much further before Congress acts.

Shares on the New York Stock Exchange fell in early trading but rallied strongly later in the day to close some 27 points ahead on the Dow Jones industrial average.

Analysts explained the rise largely in terms of bargain-hunting and technical factors, with some admitting that it reflected relief that companies had not been hit hard in the President's new economic programme.

Mr Mike Mansfield, the Senate majority leader, noted here that it is unlikely that Congress will complete action on the President's tax proposals this year. Like many senators, he stated that the 5 per cent income tax surcharge proposed by the President should apply only to families with incomes of more than $20,000 (£8,300) a year.

Yesterday, the President called for the surcharge to apply to families with incomes of more than $15,000.

Senator Mansfield also stated that he supported the view of many Democrats that the surcharge should be linked to general tax reform legislation that closed loopholes used by some wealthy persons and companies. Such legislation, however, would be large and complex and could take months to get through Congress.

What appears to be quite evident from the reactions of Democrats is that they have no intention of starting work on the bulk of the legislation proposed by the President until the start of the next Congress.

This arises from the widespread belief that the Democrats will strengthen their majority at next month's elections and thereby be in a more powerful position to harden the President's proposals in such a way that they bring greater relief to the poor and the unemployed.

A number of trade union leaders and liberal Democratic Congressmen openly attacked the President's tax proposals today. They argued that the President has again done nothing to block price increases and cut the big profits of big business, while placing the burden for inflation on the shoulders of middle-income groups, who today, they maintain, can just not afford to pay five per cent more tax.

Mr William Simon, the Treasury Secretary, told a house ways and means committee meeting that it just had to be recognized that "there is no instant cure, no magic formula to solve our problems overnight".

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Mr Kevin White, Mayor of Boston, during a press conference yesterday on racial violence in his city.

Boston Irish seem determined to carry on fighting integration

From Patrick Brogan
Boston, Oct 9

Boston was quiet this morning, but the lull will not last long. Only about 25 black schoolchildren braved the South Boston Irish and took the bus to the high school there. There should have been about 900 of them.

A roughly equal number of white children should now be going to school every day in the former Roxbury High School in the black district. Barely a busload went today. Roxbury and South Boston High Schools have been merged, although they are about seven miles apart; and Mr Kevin White, the Mayor of Boston, has asked for federal marshals to protect children who obey the court order that each part of the school should now be half black and half white.

In rioting yesterday scores of people were injured in both white and black areas. White Bostonians, opposing the desegregation order, have been boycotting the 81 schools heavily affected by the order. Buses carrying black children to formerly all-white schools were stoned or stopped in increasing numbers, and now the black community here has reacted.

Whites, including women and children, driving through black districts were stoned yesterday, and riots in predominantly black schools caused much damage to cars and buildings. Half the Boston police force is engaged in protecting children, teachers, bus drivers, buses and schools and can no longer cope.

The *Boston Globe* called this morning for federal troops to save the situation. Its first leading article states that the city of *Boston has got out of* control. "There is a breakdown of law and order now that goes beyond the school busing order to pit citizens and city police against each other." The newspaper says that what is needed is a highly conspicuous force and that this must be composed of federal troops.

Mayor White, whose national political ambitions are disintegrating by the hour, has no control over the city education system himself and is trying to pass off the responsibility for maintaining order on to the federal Government or on to the Governor of Massachusetts. Commentators, including spokesmen of black organizations, are unanimous that the 125 federal marshals, sought by Mr White, will not be enough.

Altogether 45,000 children are affected by the desegregation order (the South Boston-Roxbury school system is merely one of those affected) and the marshals, however well equipped, could not possibly protect them all if the situation continues to deteriorate.

Governor Francis Sargent, a Republican, was already fighting for his political life in the aftermath of Watergate when the busing issue exploded in Boston. He is up for re-election this year and his chances are being steadily whittled away.

Mr White, a Democrat who lost an attempt to defeat Governor Sargent four years ago, of course wants the Governor to carry the blame. He also argues that wholesale busing is a mistake, but that the law must be obeyed. Like the Governor, he is on television every day calling on Bostonians to show restraint.

The South Boston Irish are not impressed and seem determined to carry on the fight until busing is abandoned as a policy. Mr Tip O'Neil, majority leader *in the House of Representatives* whose constituency is a Boston suburb, said this morning that *indeed the whole busing policy* might have to be reconsidered. The contrast with the situation in the South, where there has been no serious trouble for years, is very striking and causes much anguish in ultra-liberal Boston.

The parallel with Belfast is frequently made. The origins of the dispute are purely racial, although the leaders of the anti-busing movement now claim that they are concerned solely with the state of education in Boston. They even admit now, rather late in the day, that black education had been neglected over the years. The trouble has now spread outside the overwhelmingly Irish district of South Boston but the drive behind the opposition to desegregation remains Irish Catholic.

Education in Boston is controlled by an elected committee of five members, which has led opposition to busing since the first Massachusetts desegregation Act in 1965. Its obduracy provoked the Massachusetts State Board of Education to produce its own plan for desegregation in the city. A federal court ordered last summer that the plan be implemented, in two stages.

The first stage, involving about half the 93,000 schoolchildren in Boston, came into effect last month and led to the boycott, the riots and now to this extreme danger of a catastrophe. The second stage, due to be put into effect next year, would have equally dramatic effects

The Boston education committee may be abolished next month. A city referendum on November 5, the day of the national and gubernatorial elections, will decide whether to preserve the present system or *whether to introduce a new one* in which the Mayor would appoint the school supervisor who would run the system with the help and guidance of local, representative school councils.

Argentine MP takes refuge in Congress

Buenos Aires, Oct 9.—As political violence continues unabated today in Argentina, a left-wing legislator fearing for his life took refuge in Congress, a labour leader was shot and seriously wounded, and bombs exploded in the city of La Plata.

Señor Hector Sandler, a deputy of the Popular Revolutionary Alliance, and his wife sought police protection and spent the night in the congressional building after armed civilians were spotted near their apartment block.

Señor Sandler's name was in the "death list" of the self-styled Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance (AAA), a clandestine group which has claimed responsibility for the murder of 21 leftists in the past three months.

In another incident, the secretary-general of the Port Workers Union was shot in the union's headquarters by two men who escaped.

In Le Plata, 37 miles from Buenos Aires, bombs damaged a girls' school and a university building where staff planned to hold funeral services for two university officials kidnapped by the AAA and murdered yesterday.

The officials—Señor Francisco Achem, aged 34, and Señor Carlos Miguel, aged 38—were killed as President Maria Estela Perón met more than 100 representatives of all the country's active forces to discuss ways to counter the wave of violence which has claimed 108 lives in less than three months.

The violence started 15 days after Señora Perón's husband, President Juan Perón, died on July 1.

In another development today a group of Peronist urban guerrillas blew up their arsenal near the city of Rosario, 190 miles from here, and announced they were ending their anti-government militancy.

They were a faction of the "Montoneros", urban guerrillas who went underground last month to fight against Señora Peron's Government, which it said was too right wing.—Reuter.

Pacific craft in trouble

Juneau, Alaska, Oct 9.—An American Coast Guard rescue aircraft was circling over the 54ft wooden vessel of an ocean expedition in trouble in the stormy north Pacific today.

The craft is Kai Ti, a replica of a Chinese junk of 2,000 years ago, carrying a crew of seven on a voyage from Taiwan to San Francisco to try to prove that links existed between China and America in pre-Columbian days.—AP.

World chess adjourned

Moscow, Oct 9.—Anatoly Karpov and Viktor Korchnoi adjourned the tenth game of their world chess challengers' match tonight. Some observers felt Korchnoi, playing black, had a slight advantage. Karpov leads 2—0 in the match.

Senate challenge on arms for Turkey

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Oct 9

The Senate today sent President Ford legislation banning arms aid to Turkey, thereby challenging him to veto, as he threatened, stop-gap foreign aid.

The so-called "continuing resolution", already approved by the House, requires the President to certify "substantial progress" on negotiations over Cyprus before Turkey can receive any further military assistance.

Some Republicans professed outrage, even though the vote had been widely expected. Senator Robert Griffin, the minority Whip, protested that it was a "slap in the face" for Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, who has begun a week-long Middle East tour. It certainly spoilt the afterglow of his send-off.

Dr Kissinger left Washington early today on an optimistic note. His domestic negotiations over the trade Bill and emigration of Soviet Jews were reported by Senator Henry Jackson to be suddenly making "substantial progress".

It remained, Mr Jackson said, for a formula to be worked out whereby Congress could determine whether the Soviet Union was carrying out the liberalization of emigration procedures that Dr Kissinger reported it was ready to make.

The Secretary of State also was, most unusually, seen off by President Ford and a number of Cabinet officers at Andrews Air Force base. There was no question that Mr Ford intended it to be a gesture of reaffirmation of his confidence in Dr Kissinger, who has been flooded recently with congressional criticism.

The main point of his press conference on Monday, it is authoritatively learnt, was for Dr Kissinger to come forth in unaccustomed humility to assert that criticism was "normal" and to profess his effectiveness as unimpaired.

Mr Ford and Mr Brezhnev may meet soon

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Oct 9

An unscheduled summit meeting in the Pacific between President Ford and Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, is being actively considered for some time next month, White House officials disclosed today.

While nothing is yet firm, plans are being laid for a possible meeting after President Ford's visits to Japan and South Korea, at the end of the month.

Mr Ford recently disclosed that he was expecting to receive Mr Brezhnev here next summer.

Mr Wilbur Mills 'in river incident'

From Fred Emery
Washington, Oct 9

Representative Wilbur Mills, one of the most powerful men in Congress, was today linked by federal police here with an incident in which a woman got out of his car and jumped into the Potomac tidal basin in the early hours of last Monday.

Mr Mills, with a bloody nose and facial injuries was later driven home by police, apparently "intoxicated" the deputy chief of National Park police stated here at a press conference this afternoon.

The woman, described as a "go-go" dancer, was rescued, and officially listed by national park police as an attempted suicide. Mr Mills, chairman of the powerful House of Representatives ways and means committee, is unavailable for comment.

However Mr Gene Moss, his congressional administrative assistant, states that Mr Mills has denied to him being in the car.

A spokesman for the national park police stated "Mr Mills identified himself to the satisfaction of the officer" at the scene of the incident.

Mr Mills, aged 65, married with two daughters, is up for re-election next month in the strait-laced Arkansas district which has been sending him to Congress since 1938.

He was absent from his committee's meeting this morning.

According to the national park police there were three women with Mr Mills in his car and another man driving. The car was first seen near the Jefferson memorial without lights and speeding.

A patrol car gave chase, the car stopped, and while police were ascertaining identities the woman got out and jumped into the water, an inlet of the Potomac river.

A police officer jumped in, helped by other police who threw him makeshift lifebuoys. One policeman was slightly injured in the rescue, leading to reports of a scuffle.

Caretaker Cabinet takes office in Greece

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Oct 9

The caretaker Government formed by Mr Constantine Karamanlis to conduct the general election on November 17 took office today. President Ghizikis swore in 19 new ministers and under-secretaries.

Mr Karamanlis, the Prime Minister, Mr George Mavros, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, and Mr Evanghelos Averoff, the Defence Minister, remain in the Government. They are the only ministers to stand in the election.

The new Government's first step was the ending of martial law, which was imposed in the April, 1967, coup and never entirely lifted. Today's decree limits the jurisdiction of courts martial to the military or the security of the armed forces, and restores suspended civil liberties clauses

The ungentle art of catching wild elephants

From Hugh Mabbett
Kuala Lumpur, Oct 9

A small herd of wild elephants in the Malaysian state of Pahang, marooned in an island of jungle, is playing havoc with surrounding crops and with the moral of men trying to save them.

A unique and costly operation has been mounted to move them to a game reserve, but so far the elephants have not cooperated.

The sole catch after two months' work is a comely four-year-old, Minah, who has become a kind of guinea pig for Indian experts who are training Malaysians in their art of elephant catching.

Minah was lassoed from the back of one of four tame elephants brought from Assam to help the operation. These elephants are trained to run alongside a wild elephant so that riders can throw flexible jute ropes over its head and then control the plunging animal as it tries desperately to escape. It is like a rodeo, but on a far grander scale.

On the open plains of Assam this spectacular and dangerous method works well. But in Pahang, in central Malaysia, the thick jungle has made it uncertain and even more hazardous.

The Indian elephants have got alongside the wild ones several times but the thrown ropes have snagged on vegetation, except in the capturing of Minah. She still has rope burns to show how she was caught.

The lack of success and the danger to riders as their steeds charged through the forest were so serious that a new method is being used. The wild elephants are to be knocked out with a tranquilliser gun, roped between tame elephants while unconscious, and later marched away.

One fully grown female, more than 7ft high, was caught in this way but either she was already ill and injured herself struggling to escape, or she reacted badly to the drug. She sickened, was unable to feed herself and had to be killed.

Since then the herd of eight or nine elephants has become very nervous of man. I saw a game warden come out of the jungle after a hard day's march which had produced only one chancy shot. The tranquilliser dart had glanced off a wild elephant's shoulder. The warden and his men were going back the next day to try again.

It is a complicated operation because two tame elephants must be near by to handle any wild ones which may be drugged. There are only four elephants to work with and a big area to cover.

The plan is for the elephants in this patch of jungle, about 10 miles long and very dense, to be captured, partially tamed and then walked to a national park about 80 miles away.

Attempts to drive elephants to new areas usually fail because they try to return home once the pressure is off. A period of captivity seems necessary to cure this home sickness.

The Pahang operation stems mainly from a new chief game warden's decision that *everything possible must* be done to stop the shooting of elephants. Before the warden, Mr Mohamed Khan, moved to his present job three years ago, the game department was killing about 20 a year, mainly because of damage to crops. Now only about six a year are being shot.

But this policy led to more complaints about damage, particularly from the Federal Land Development Authority, which in the past five years has opened up about 100,000 acres of forest for oil palm and rubber in the Jengka area of Pahang. Elephants like the tender hearts of young oil palms, and have caused about £600,000 worth of damage in Jengka.

The Cabinet finally allocated £42,000 for a rescue operation. Four elephants were bought from Assam, their handlers were recruited. Malaysian understudies were assigned to learn the art, and an "elephant welfare unit" was set up.

Although the operation has not gone well, its managers are confident it will succeed in the end. After Jengka the team will move to tackle similar situations elsewhere.

But the Malay villagers of the region are convinced that the *Jengka elephants, who still feed* by night on young oil palms, are not just hungry, but are wreaking deliberate vengeance on man for destroying their forest. From this point of view the rescue operation is the least that could be attempted.

Yugoslavs going to Warsaw with reservations

From Dessa Drevisan
Belgrade, Oct 9

Yugoslavia is to take part in the preliminary consultations of European communist parties which will be held in Warsaw from October 16 to 18. The scope of the gathering is to pave the way for the full-scale European communist summit which the Russians are trying to arrange for the spring of next year.

The idea already seems to have run into serious difficulties as a number of communist parties have indicated their opposition to the way past conferences were conducted with the Russians assured of a safe majority and the rest simply asked to acquiesce.

The Yugoslavs, who have been absent from all Moscow-run communist conferences except the one held in 1957, announced their decision today after a fortnight of consultations with the Romanians. The refusal by Bucharest to take part in any gathering at which China would be condemned is a viewpoint now shared by Belgrade.

Science report

Anthropology: Sexual division of labour

Two American scientists have inferred from genetic evidence that the division of labour between men and women arose very early in human history; from the time, in fact, when men began to hunt. It is well known that men on average score higher on tests of spatial ability than women. Genetic analysis suggests that that is because of the sex-linked mode of inheritance of the ability.

Dr Donald Kolakowski, of the University of Connecticut, and Dr Robert Malina, of the University of Texas, have managed to establish an association between spatial ability and some of the basic skills of hunting. They argue from that association that the survival of the spatial ability as a sex-linked character suggests that "sexual division of labour" must have begun before the Pleistocene.

Spatial ability, the ability to create, maintain and mentally transform visual images, is passed on in Caucasians by the X chromosome. The trait is recessive, so that in women, who have two X chromosomes, there is a strong chance that a recessive gene on either of them will be masked by a dominant partner on the other. In men, on the other hand, there is only one X chromosome, so if the recessive trait is inherited at all it will always be expressed. That leads to a very much higher incidence of the trait in men than in women.

Dr Kolakowski and Dr Malina reason that to have evolved as an X-linked recessive the trait must have conferred an advantage that worked primarily through the male. That may have been the case if spatial ability contributed to the good judgment and throwing accuracy essential to hunting skill. Accordingly, they set out to test for a correlation between them.

They studied 67 white boys, aged 14 to 16. First, they assessed their spatial abilities using a psychological test (the primary mental abilities test). Then the boys were asked to throw a baseball at a vertical target 30ft away. The target was 9ft in diameter and marked with the usual concentric circles and a system of grid lines, so that five different scores were obtained for each ball thrown. The boys were asked to throw the ball 20 times in two bouts of 10 throws each.

From the data they obtained, Dr Kolakowski and Dr Malina were able to analyse statistically the relationship between accuracy and spatial ability. They found that only two components of accuracy were related to the degree of spatial ability: the scores inside the concentric circles and the scores for vertical direction above or below a mid line. Of those, the relationship to vertical deviation was more pronounced.

The researchers point out that that is interesting because the score would translate into skill and judgment with respect to distance if the target was laid out flat on the ground, the very skill a primitive hunter might need. Although only 14 per cent of the variance in the score is accounted for by the primary mental abilities test, the scientists propose that they have discovered that spatial skills are related to "an important component of the hunting enterprise".

Any inferences drawn from such data must, of course, be regarded as speculative, but Dr Kolakowski and Dr Malina feel that that is justified because there is little alternative to speculation in many areas of human evolution.

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NANNY, £30 per week, Kingston-upon-Thames area, [illegible] a.m.-6 p.m. five days a week to include Saturdays. Delightful little 2-month-old boy needs a kind experienced Nanny. Tel. Mrs [illegible] in business hours 01-878 [illegible]

MOTHER'S HELP for professional family (1 girl aged 8, plus pets). Own room. All weekends off. Kind, responsible person needed. —01-977 2096 (Teddington, Middx.), after 3 p.m.

THE HAGUE, HOLLAND.—A family with 3 school children is looking for a mother's help 18 years or older. Driving licence essential. Phone Basingstoke 780151.

AU PAIR BUREAU PICCADILLY offers best jobs London or abroad. Call 87 Regent St., W.1. 930 4757.
CHAUFFEUR WANTED. Rolls-Royce Bentley. See General Vacs.
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COMPANION HOUSEKEEPER required for retired Wing-Commander with invalid not bedridden. Simple cooking. Other help kept. Pleasant village one mile M4 access. Close Newbury. Good terms suitable applicant.—Box 2010 D, The Times.
COOK HOUSEKEEPER: [illegible]
FATHER AND 2 BOYS aged 6 and 8 require bright nanny housekeeper 25-45 with current driving licence to run small country house and look after children. Good salary.—Apply W. J. Head, Forest House, Windlesham, Surrey. Tel Bagshot 72571.
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LIVELY AU PAIR WANTED. Fun family. Large house 15 mins. Central London.—Box 1986 D, The Times.
MADRID. Industrialist's family, 1 child 3 yrs., need au pair—no housework age 21+.—Euroscot, 20 High St., Paisley. 041-887 7981.
REQUIRED LIVE-IN MAIDS for all around housework, and as nanny, preferable age 20-25, must be willing to relocate to another country in case family leave U.K. —Write Box 2551 D, The Times.
RESIDENT COOK Housekeeper required immediately in Barnes area. Children aged 7 and 8. Own room and T.V. Excellent salary. References. Please ring (01) 788 6,990, after 10 a.m.

DOMESTIC SITUATIONS

CHAUFFEUR/VALET

required for famous entertainer. Must be aged between 30-40, live in London, single, and be prepared to travel.

Ring Miss Tribe
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(office) for appointment.

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Wanted for Friendly Family. Husband, handyman/Gardener, Wife, Cook, small amount of housework. Other help kept. House and BUPA provided. Good salary negotiable. Drivers essential.
Tel: Miss McDonnell daytimes at
(01) 235 2194

NANNY/MOTHER'S HELP

Australian family—2 children 5 and 6 yrs., live-in. Chilton, 15 miles south of Oxford. Good conditions and free time. Salary negotiable. Apply McAuliffe, The Goddards, Church Hill, Chilton, Nr Didcot, Berks., or phone, Rowstock 340 after 5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Kindly lady needed to come and spend Christmas with happy family, lovely house nr. WINDERMERE, helping to look after James 3½, and Peter 11 months. Expenses and good salary. Further details (01) 352 9504.

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NANNY, experienced, required for beginning of January to care for year old daughter. Country house near Glasgow. Nursery duties only. Apply Connell, Craigallian, Milngavie, Glasgow.

COOK Housekeeper, £30 p.w., Virginia Water, Surrey. Single author gentleman.—Postal Placement Bureau, Princes House, Bagshot, Surrey. Tel.: 0276 [illegible]

INDUSTRIAL time-waster required part-time to play with young executive's children, entertain the wife and put up shelves. Ring [illegible]

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RESIDENT HOUSEKEEPER for Eras House Service Rooms large room with c.h., £17 p.w. clear, all found. References essential. Phone Mrs Eras [illegible] 2 Vicarage Gate, Kensington Church St., W.8.
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REQUIRED

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AU PAIRS, Mother's Helps, Nannies, U.K., Europe, Canada. —Baxter's Agency, Peterborough. Tel. 62744/53463.
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DOMESTIC SITUATIONS

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Two people wanted in small house for cooking and housekeeping. All modern machines. Two in family. Comfortable self-contained flat in house is offered with good salaries. Apply Lady Churston, Woodcote, St. Andrew, Guernsey.

MARRIED COUPLE

no children, as gardener/driver, housekeeper (some cooking). Own transport, self-contained, furnished accommodation. Kent countryside. 20 miles London. Daily help kept. Good salary, negotiable.—Box 2482 D, The Times.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PIPE-LINES ACT 1962

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORISATION

BRITISH OXYGEN COMPANY LIMITED

The British Oxygen Company Limited hereby gives notice in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the First Schedule to the Pipe-lines Act 1962 that it has made an application to the Secretary of State for Energy for the grant of an authorisation for the construction of a cross country pipeline for the conveyance of gaseous oxygen from a point on the existing oxygen pipeline alongside the Walsall Canal to the works of Messrs Bradley and Foster Limited at Darlaston. The proposed pipeline will be about 0.7 miles in length and is a cross country pipeline by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (1) of the Act.

A copy of the map that accompanied the application, on which is delineated the route of the proposed pipeline can be inspected in Room 1105, Department of Energy, Thames House South, Millbank, London S.W.1 and at the offices of the Company at Hammersmith House, Hammersmith, London W6 9DX.

Any objection to this application must be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary of State for Energy at Thames House South, Millbank, London SW1P 4QJ not later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice and should bear the reference PET16/108/4/1 and state the grounds of objection.

Dated the 25th day of September, 1974.
C. A. B. LESLIE,
Secretary.
The British Oxygen Company Limited,
Hammersmith House,
London W6 9DX.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS
PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have prepared a DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME to implement proposals sent to them by the Archbishop of Canterbury for uniting the benefices and parishes of Saint Martin Dover and Christ Church Hougham-in-Dover and for making a declaration of redundancy in respect of the parish church of the parish of Christ Church Hougham-in-Dover.

A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at the Church Doors of the parish churches of Saint Martin, Dover and Christ Church Hougham-in-Dover.

A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application to the Church Commissioners' office.

Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 9 November, 1974.

K. S. RYLE,
Secretary.
3 October, 1974.
1 Millbank,
London SW1P 3JZ.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity—REUNION DES GASTRONOMES BENEVOLENT Fund. Scheme for the alteration of the objects of the Charity. Ref: 226103-A1-L1.

The Charity Commissioners have made an Order ESTABLISHING a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies can be obtained by written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1, (quoting ref. no. 226103-A1-L1) and may also be seen at that address.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS
PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

NOTICE is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have prepared a DRAFT REDUNDANCY SCHEME providing for the demolition of the parish church of Saint Paul in the parish of Saint Paul, Prince's Park in the diocese of Liverpool, with the exception of the tower and spire and any part of the redundant building which is, in the opinion of the Church Commissioners, necessary to support the tower and spire, the appropriation of the tower and spire to use for educational purposes and empowering the Church Commissioners to sell the tower and spire for such uses as aforesaid, and the site of the demolished part of the building without limitation as to use.

A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at
St. Philemon Vicarage, 40 Devonshire Road, Liverpool 8.

A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application to the Church Commissioners' Office.

Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than 8th November, 1974.

K. S. RYLE
Secretary
1 Millbank
LONDON, S.W.1.
1st October, 1974.

DIVIDEND NOTICES

COMPANHIA DE DIAMANTES DE ANGOLA
(Angola Diamond Company)

The Holders of Share Warrants are hereby informed that at the Annual General Meeting held in Lisbon on the 5th September there was DECLARED in respect of 1973 a DIVIDEND of Esc.240$00 per share.

The dividend is payable in Lisbon against presentation of Coupon No. 73 on or after the 2nd October 1974 at the Company's Head Office and/or at Banco Fonsecas & Burnay and/or Banco Totta & Açores.

Payment of the Coupon will be made less Portuguese Taxes, the net amount payable being as follows:

1. For shares which have been registered in Portugal: Esc.168$536 per share in cash plus Esc.20$00 in Public Debts Warrants.

2. For unregistered shares Esc.105$8953 per share in cash plus Esc 20$00 in Public Debts Warrants. All payments less stamps affixed to the receipt form.

Banque Belge Ltd., London, E.C.3, are willing to transmit for collection Coupons received from Authorised Depositaries on payment of expenses. The rate of exchange applied will be that ruling in Lisbon on the date of arrival there of the Coupons.

Coupons must be listed in numerical order on the Special Forms provided for that purpose.

By Order of the Board.
FELIX NEUBERGH,
Financial Agent.
2nd October, 1974.

TRANSFER BOOKS

COMPAGNIE ARAMAYO DE MINES EN BOLIVIE S.A.
(THE ARAMAYO MINES IN BOLIVIA COMPANY)

Notice is hereby given that the FIFTY FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, 26 quai Gustave-Ador, Geneva, at 11 a.m. on WEDNESDAY the 23rd day of October, 1974, for the following purposes:

To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1973, the Report of the Directors and Controllers thereon, and the matters arising thereout, to elect a Director and the Controllers, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

Holders of share warrants to bearer desiring to attend or to be represented at the Meeting must deposit their share warrants on or before the 16th October, 1974, in Geneva at the Société de Banque Suisse, 2, Confédération, or in London, at the Swiss Bank Corporation, 99, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th October to the 23rd October, 1974, both days inclusive.

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account with the report of the Controllers thereon, as well as the Director's report, are at the disposal of Shareholders at the Offices of the Company, as from the date thereof.

Dated this 11th day of October, 1974.

By Order of the Board.
CLAUDE CELLERIER.
Secretary.

BRITISH TRANSPORT DOCKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the TRANSFER REGISTERS of the Southampton Harbour Board 6½ per cent Redeemable Stock 1982 will be closed from 18th October, 1974 to 31st October, 1974, both dates inclusive, for preparation of Interest Warrants.

C. T. DOLLIMORE
Registrar
Town Quay Offices,
Town Quay
Southampton, SO9 4XZ.
3rd October, 1974.

KAMUNTING TIN DREDGING LIMITED

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 1st to 4th November, 1974, both days inclusive.

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Court of Appeal

Sole agent cannot appoint subagent without authority

John McCann and Company v Pow

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Browne

[Judgments delivered October 8]

Estate agents acting as "sole agents" for the vendor of a property do not have authority to delegate their functions to a subagent without the express or implied authority of the vendor.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by Mr Raymond Pow, now of New Orleans, United States, from Judge Lermon, QC, at Epsom County Court, who had awarded to estate agents, John McCann and Company, of West Street, Epsom, £275 on their claim for commission alleged to be due on the sale of a leasehold flat at Briavels Court, Downshill Road, Epsom.

Mr Roger Henderson for the vendor; Mr Mark Tennant for the estate agents.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in August, 1972, Mr Pow nstructed John McCann and Company to sell his flat and told them hat he wanted £14,350 and that f they introduced a purchaser he vould pay a reasonable commission. The estate agents advertised t for three weeks in local newspapers, describing themselves in he advertisements as "sole igents". They certainly believed hey were sole agents, and that eft Mr Pow free to deal privately imself, though he could not ppoint any other agents.

On August 29, the date found y the judge, a Mr Rudd came to ee the flat. Mr Pow asked him f he came from McCanns and he aid no. So Mr Pow thought he ould negotiate privately without aving to pay agents' commission. hat was what happened—and the udge found that Mr Pow had no dea then that any other estate gents were involved.

They agreed together a price of £14,200, and by September 5 their respective solicitors were preparing contracts. On September 7 Mr Pow mentioned the matter to McCanns, who said: "If that deal does not go through perhaps we can appoint some local agents". Mr Pow agreed, but made it clear that it was not to prejudice his private negotiations. Not until that date did Mr Pow authorize the appointment of subagents.

By September 13 McCanns had discovered that Mr Rudd had got information about the flat from a firm called Douglas and Company. Thereupon they said that Douglas were their subagents, that they had instructed them some time before, and that because their subagents had introduced the property to Mr Rudd they were entitled to their commission.

Mr Pow disputed that. He said *that he had never heard of Douglas* and that so far as he knew the sale to Mr Rudd had been arranged privately.

McCanns then brought an action in the county court for the full commission and pleaded in terms that their authorized subagents, Douglas, had introduced Mr Rudd and that he had thereafter bought the property. Mr Pow, who acted in person, objected to any payment because he said McCanns had not introduced Mr Rudd. There was also a dispute about the date when Mr Rudd first came into the picture. The judge gave judgment for McCanns for £275 commission.

One point would dispose of the appeal. McCanns claimed to have introduced Mr Rudd through subagents. The general rule was that an agent had no authority to appoint a subagent except with the express or implied authority of the principal. There were several exceptions to that rule which were set out in *Bowstead on Agency*, and the question was whether any of them applied to the position on August 29 when McCanns said the property was introduced to Mr Rudd through Douglas.

On the authorities it seemed to his Lordship that an estate agent—certainly one who claimed to be "sole agent"—had no express or implied authority to appoint a subagent because the agent's functions required skill and confidence to perform. Those functions and duties were to use his best endeavours to sell the property at the named price to a purchaser ready, willing and able to purchase it; to prepare particulars of the property accurately and not to make any misrepresentations; to receive applications and make appointments to view; to negotiate the best price that could be obtained in the circumstances; and in the course of negotiations to receive a deposit either as stakeholder or for the vendor. All those functions and duties required skill and confidence, so much so that it would be impossible to say that an agent had any authority to delegate them to a subagent. That was borne out by the authorities such as *Mullens v Miller* ((1882) 22 Ch Div 199) and *Maloney v Hardy and Moorshead* ((1970) 216 EG 1582).

But Mr Tennant, for McCanns, said that the sub-agency here was very limited; that Douglas were only entrusted with the ministerial act of passing on the details of a property. He relied on the statement that when an act was purely ministerial and did not involve confidence or discretion there could be a delegation of it. He had referred to the entertaining case of *St Margaret, Rochester Burial Ground v Thompson* ((1871) LR 6 CP 445), where a sexton was held to be able to appoint a deputy to dig a grave and ring the bell because that could be done by any reasonably competent person so that if the sexton was busy someone else could do those things; and the court had pointed out that if it was something where peculiar personal skill was required, such as a painter to paint a picture, he could not hand it over to someone else to perform.

Mr Tennant said that where there was a mere introduction of a possible purchaser that could be delegated as immaterial. But the answer was in the facts. It had not been treated in the least as immaterial. On the contrary, Douglas themselves had prepared particulars copied from McCanns which they issued on their own paper, giving a full description of the premises and saying "View by appointment through agents Messrs Douglas and Company" and that they took every care to ensure that the particulars were correct. Douglas also claimed to be entitled to receive the deposit; and McCanns wrote letters saying the deposit should be paid to Douglas.

So it was plain that whatever authority McCanns gave Douglas it was not limited to a purely ministerial act. It was, as they had pleaded, a delegation to Douglas as a subagent for them.

But they had no authority to do that on August 14 when they said they had done it, and on August 29, the date of the introduction of Mr Rudd. Douglas had no authority whatever to act as subagent as Mr Pow at that date had not authorized McCanns to appoint any subagents. So the alleged introduction was made at a time when there was no authority to delegate to a subagent and therefore the fundamental point entitling McCanns to commission failed because it was not their act by which the sale was affected.

The justice of the case was that Mr Pow should not be held liable; he had put the flat into the hands of McCanns who claimed, as he was aware, to be sole agents and knew he had not appointed anyone else as subagents. When Mr Rudd came to Mr Pow and said "I don't come from McCanns", he was entitled to say to himself "In those circumstances I am not liable to pay agents' commission and I can negotiate privately" and bring the price down as he had done. It would be unjust that he should be saddled with a claim for commission.

The appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE ORR, concurring, said that the appeal should be allowed on the ground that *McCanns had no authority to* appoint Douglas as subagents. There had been no evidence of a usage in the business of estate agents which would authorize the appointment of subagents.

Lord Justice Browne agreed.

Solicitors: Bowles & Co, Epsom; A. R. Drummond & Co, Epsom.

18 put on electoral register

Regina v Hammond, Ex parte Nottingham City Council

Eighteen people in Nottingham will be entitled to vote tomorrow as the result of a mandatory order made by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court.

The Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Milmo and Mr Justice Ackner granted an application by Nottingham City Council for an order of mandamus directing the electoral registration officer, Mr Michael Harry Frank Hammond, to correct the register by including the names of 18 electors who were omitted from the register on its publication in February.

The grounds of the application were that the omission of the names would deprive the electors of their right to vote at parliamentary and local government elections during the currency of the register.

The Lord Chief Justice said that the court would follow well-established precedent and say that mandamus should go to correct the register in respect of the deficiencies shown in the application.

Chancery Division

Readvertising amended winding up petition

In re Manual Work Services (Construction) Ltd.

Before Mr Justice Megarry

[Judgment delivered October 8]

Where a petition seeking compulsory winding up of a company, already in voluntary liquidation, has been advertised but at the hearing it is sought to amend the prayer so as to seek the voluntary liquidation to continue under the supervision of the court, the only fair course is for the creditors generally, if all of them are not before the court, to be given due warning of the actual order the petitioner seeks, and the petition, as amended, should be readvertised.

His Lordship, on an application by the petitioner, Kevin Docherty trading as Surveying Associates, with the assent of the supporting and opposing creditors, gave leave to amend the petition for compulsory winding up of Manual Work Services (Construction) Ltd, *in voluntary liquidation*, so as to seek an order for voluntary liquidation under the supervision of the court and adjourned the petition for 28 days for its readvertisement.

Mr Charles Bonney for the petitioner and the supporting creditors; Mr Stephen Hunt for the opposing creditors; Mr Philip Heslop for the liquidator.

HIS LORDSHIP said that on January 2, 1974, the company passed a special resolution for voluntary winding up, but at the creditors' meeting held the same day it was unanimously agreed that a voluntary winding up was unacceptable by reason of the company's general indebtedness.

On March 19 a judgment creditor presented a petition praying that the company should be wound up by the court under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1948, "or that such other order may be made . . . as shall be just". The petition was advertised as being "Petition for the winding up" of the company, with nothing said about other relief.

After various adjournments, the petitioner, with the assent of both supporting and opposing creditors, now asked that, instead of the usual compulsory winding-up order, the court should order that the winding up should continue subject to the supervision of the court. In those circumstances the question arose whether the petition, duly amended, ought to be readvertised.

In a number of cases the court had dispensed with readvertisement: *In re United Bacon Curing Co* ([1890] WN 74), *In re Civil Service Brewery Co* ([1893] WN 5) and *In re Waterproof Materials Co* ([1893] WN 18) might be in that category. On the other hand, readvertisement was required in *In re New Oriental Bank Corporation* ([1892] 3 Ch 563) and in *In re New Morgan Gold Mining Co* ([1893] WN 79). It was not easy to perceive in cases so shortly reported as most of those were what the principle was.

Some assistance was to be found in *In re National Whole Meal Bread and Biscuit Co* ([1891] 2 Ch 151, 152), where Mr Justice Kekewich said: "I take it that the intention of the rules as to the advertising of winding up petitions is that the petition which is heard shall be advertised—that it to say, that which is advertised and that which is heard shall be substantially the same petition".

The most recent reported authority seemed to be a Practice Note ([1902] WN77). In it Mr Justice Buckley, whose learning in these matters was preeminent, said: "Where a petition for a compulsory order had been advertised, and at the hearing the petitioner asked for a supervision order only, the petition ought as a general rule to be readvertised. This appeared to be the practice more recently adopted, the reason for it apparently being that persons who would be satisfied with a compulsory order would not take the trouble to appear if they thought such an order would be made, but might appear and object to a supervision order only being made."

The court was naturally reluctant to expose the petitioner to the delay that readvertisement would produce; but the question was whether it was right to make a supervision order where the only relief advertised was a winding up order. There were, of course, many differences between winding up by the court and winding up subject to supervision: a glance at Schedule 11 to the Companies Act gave some indication of that. Winding up subject to supervision was essentially a voluntary winding up with a limited degree of additional protection.

There were over 20 creditors with claims of over £40,000 originally listed as supporting a winding up order while 14 with claims of over £75,000 were listed as opposing such an order. However, a statement of affairs as at the end of November showed that there were over 300 creditors with debts totalling nearly £200,000. It was, therefore, plain that there were many creditors with substantial claims in addition to those on the list.

It was said that the greater included the less, and so on a petition for a winding up order the relief of a supervision order might be granted. That, however, was not the point. What mattered was not what appeared to the company but what relief and protection were accorded to the creditors. If they were told that the relief being sought was the relief which would afford them all the greatest measure of protection, was it right, without warning to them, to make an order which protected them less? No doubt any of them who felt strongly enough on the matter could, after a supervision order had been made, petition for a compulsory winding up order; but that involved the time and trouble of commencing new proceedings, instead of merely attending the hearing of an existing petition and urging that a particular course of action should be taken. The only fair course was for the creditors generally to be given due warning of the actual order which the petitioner now sought.

Solicitors: Wedlake Bell for G. R. Smith & Co., West Bromwich; Beauchamp, Birmingham.

Accused woman said to have boasted of bombs

A girl witness at the M62 coach omb trial at Wakefield Crown ourt, West Yorkshire, yesterday aid that Judith Theresa Ward, ho is accused of 12 murders, had oasted to her about making ombs.

The girl, referred to only as Vendy, said she shared a caravan ith Miss Ward while they were orking at Chipperfields' Circus t Belle Vue, Manchester. She said ie remembered Miss Ward rriving on Saturday, January 26, ith a blue-green holdall.

The previous day Miss Ward ad told her that she was going London for her employment ards, and she returned carrying ie bag. It was her only luggage. he unpacked a few clothes and ooks, and put the holdall under settee bed in the caravan.

On Monday, January 28, Wendy *id Miss Ward told* her she was turning the holdall to her rother's home in Stockport and ing into Manchester to get a is there, although Wendy beeved it was easier to get a bus rect.

Miss Ward returned later, withit the holdall. Before taking it om the caravan Miss Ward pened a side pocket and took out n envelope, Wendy said. She dded: "She took a piece of aper from it, scanned through it, nd said 'Oh, that's what it is' nd put it back."

In reply to Mr Peter Taylor, QC, or the prosecution, Wendy said: I seem to remember her [Miss Vard] saying something about ombs, about home-made bombs. he said they often made these."

Mr Taylor asked: "Who were they'"? Wendy replied: "I do ot know. I got the impression ie meant 'we'. I thought she as just joking."

Wendy said that Miss Ward once entioned a boy friend in Ireland ho had been killed. "I think she id he had been shot by soldiers."

She then told of the morning ie and Miss Ward arrived at *ipping Norton, the winter quar*rs of the circus. It was Monday, February 4, the day of the coach blast.

When she left the caravan, Miss Ward was in bed and she was still there on her return. Later she saw Miss Ward leaving in a taxi carrying a white duffel bag. Wendy told Mr Taylor that she herself did not take any explosives into the caravan at any stage.

Miss Ward, aged 25, of Stockport, Greater Manchester, is accused of the murder of the 12 people who died in the coach explosion. She is also accused of causing explosions at the National Defence College, Latimer, Buckinghamshire, at Euston station, London; and on the army coach, which was taking soldiers and their families from Manchester to Catterick after weekend leave. She has denied all the charges.

Mr Andrew Rankin, QC, for the defence, asked Wendy if she remembered anything about a rag being put in the neck of a bottle of petrol and lit so that the bottle would explode when thrown. The girl said she thought she did.

Mr Rankin referred her to a statement she had made to the police. She agreed that one night in the caravan she and Miss Ward were watching *The Comedians* on television and were laughing at Irish jokes.

One of the jokes was about a bomb and Miss Ward is alleged to have told Wendy that she had made bombs in Ireland. Wendy's statement said that she did not believe her but she asked Miss Ward how she did it. She said Miss Ward told her she placed some kind of substance in a bottle and threw it.

The girl agreed that Miss Ward had never claimed to have done anything violent in Northern Ireland or in England.

An application by Mr Rankin for the trial to be adjourned so that the defence solicitor could investigate the history of the caravan in which Miss Ward lived was granted. The court will not sit tomorrow but will resume on Monday.

The hearing continues today.

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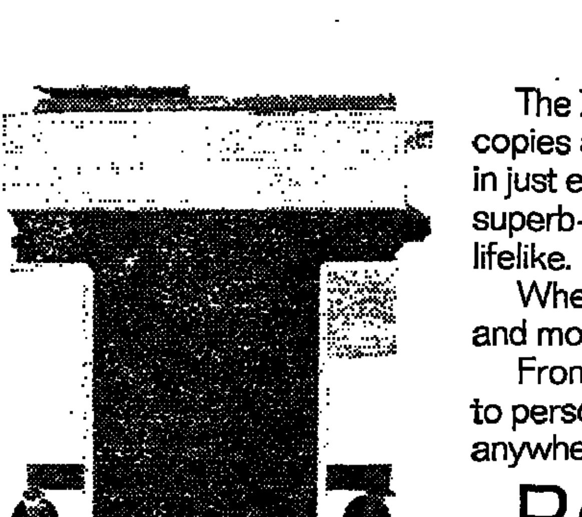

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Football

Season's biggest crowd see Manchester underdogs out on top

By Gerry Harrison

Manchester Utd 1, Manchester C 0

The biggest crowd at any English club game this season, 55,225, saw United, now thriving as the underdogs in Manchester, knock City, their greatest rivals out of the League Cup at Old Trafford last night. The battle was decided by a 76 minute penalty which half the City will label unfair, the other as all part of the game.

The tension throughout was thick and heady but without blunting the commitment of their tackles or the fierce competitive element of the contest the players were on their best behaviour and produced a thrilling, well-balanced cup tie. City had the overall fitness, United more fire. Into the ranks of the reds was thrown a 17-year-old full back, Albiston, making his first appearance and also making his mark by stopping Summerbee cleverly in the last minute as he broke through. In the end it was a tragedy that Clarke, also a newcomer to the local derby stage, should now be saddled with the blame of letting his side down after conceding the penalty for a handball.

For 25 minutes play raged from end to end. City forced two dangerous corners, Daly was on target with a snap shot. Tueart's header was cleared off the line by Buchan and Pardoe thwarted Pearson. City were smoother, United quicker and enterprising. In the twentieth minute a 30-yard shot by Forsyth thudded against McCrae's chest for Hammond to clear in a panic.

As the pace slowed United's young men, leaders of the Second Division, looked worried, particularly as Pearson was having hamstring trouble again. But although Marsh was a handful, for Mr Kew, as well as Buchan and company, City were still waiting for Summerbee and Bell to show their quality. In the half's sprint finish the ground shook as Holton tackled Marsh at the death; McCalliog almost exploited McCrae's poor goalkick and McIlroy had a shot superbly saved.

Away went United from the starting gun again. City were fortunate to block shots from Greenhoff and Macari, Pearson's substitute. Then Stepney saved at full stretch from Doyle. Bell and Tueart were showing their style now, but so were Morgan and Daly. McIlroy and Macari were turning City's less experienced defence more frequently, but Stepney was pleased to be in direct line with a fine Tueart shot.

Then in the seventy-sixth minute United broke through under the noses of the roaring Stretford enders. McCalliog crossed from the left. Macari, with his back to the goal, tried to flick the ball past Clarke but it hit Clarke's hand and Mr Kew pointed immediately to the spot. Colly, Daly pushed his kick past McCrae for his seventh goal of the season, his sixth penalty, but certainly the one which unleashed the noisiest response.

The last hectic act was desperate pressure from City, more good defence from Holton and Buchan, dangerous breaks from McIlroy, continuous song from one end, growing apprehension at the other. The end came with a mighty roar and the arguments began.

The Manchester United manager, Tommy Docherty said: "It is a bit hard to be detached from it all and say whether it was a good game. The crowd seemed to enjoy it. It was certainly a good result for us. We were playing against a good side. We had Pearson injured and had to push a young full back into the fray. But the players were marvellous and the crowd too. I think they all deserve a pat on the back."

MANCHESTER UNITED: A. Stepney; A. Forsyth, A. Albiston, B. Greenhoff, J. Holton, M. Buchan, W. Morgan, S. McIlroy, S. Pearson (sub, L. Macari), J. McCalliog, G. Daly.

MANCHESTER CITY: K. McRae; G. Hammond, G. Pardoe (sub, P. Barnes), M. Doyle, J. Clarke, A. Oakes, M. Summerbee, C. Bell, R. Marsh, A. Hartford, D. Tueart.

Referee: G. C. Kew (Amersham).

Colchester demolish Carlisle's hopes

The compact ground of Colchester United, of the third division, was once more the graveyard of a first division side's hopes in the Football League Cup. Carlisle United could not complain about their 2—0 defeat as they were outplayed for a long period and only Tom Clarke, their goalkeeper, and Green, their No 5, kept them in the game until the seventy-fifth minute.

Then a bad back pass by Martin let in Svarc, who scored from a narrow angle, and two minutes later Leslie scored from the penalty spot after a handling incident. Colchester's victory was deserved as they lost Morgan with a broken collar bone in the first half. Train, Frank Clarke and Owen—all of Carlisle—had their names taken.

Leeds United were given a fright by Bury, of the third division, before winning 2—1 at Gigg Lane. The champions survived in the sixteenth minute when Stewart allowed a Williams shot to spin out of his hands, but the goalkeeper regained possession on the line. A goal then would have been a great help to Bury, but within a minute Lorimer gave Leeds the lead.

The game boiled into life, with Bury riding their luck as McKenzie had an effort disallowed; but Leeds, too, were under pressure. Williams scored a superb equalizer after 57 minutes but, with thoughts turning to a replay, Cherry smacked in the winner in the eighty-first minute.

A determined defensive display earned Norwich City a replay after they had played second fiddle for most of their drawn tie with West Bromwich Albion. The visitors took the lead in the sixteenth minute when Boyer headed home a cross from Morris. Albion were quick to recapture the initiative—though theirs was a lucky goal four minutes later. An inswinging corner from Johnston hit the upright and rebounded into the net off the back of Stringer.

Chester, of the fourth division, went ahead in the thirty-second minute when Lennard, who is on loan, hooked a backheader from Draper past Preston's goalkeeper. On half-time Draper was a yard wide with a shot at an open goal and later he headed the ball home, but his effort was disallowed because of a foul. Bobby Charlton tried hard to marshal his attack, but could not conquer Chester's year-old unbeaten home record.

Blackburn Rovers, the third division leaders, had to fight hard for a replay at Ewood Park next week against Hartlepool, who are fourth from the bottom of the fourth division. Hartlepool, who played Bournemouth four times in the second round, tore into Rovers. Their fast, enthusiastic football earned them the lead in 20 minutes. A shot from Honour was blocked by Jones, in goal, and Moore stabbed the ball home.

Rovers gradually built up their game and took over the second half, but there were only 16 minutes left when Martin, the centre-forward, headed home a cross from Metcalfe.

A dramatic finish gave Crewe Alexandra, of the fourth division—before their biggest gate in a decade (12,290)—another chance in a tough tie with Aston Villa. Five players had their names taken and another was sent off.

Morgan shot Villa ahead after 10 minutes, but Duffey equalized after 50. Leonard regained Villa's lead eight minutes later. Reed, a substitute, shot Crewe's equalizer in the eighty fifth minute. Ross, Morgan and Leonard, of Villa, and Crudgington and Duffey, of Crewe, were cautioned. Crewe's striker, Nelson, was sent off for dissent seconds after Crewe's last goal.

Celtic found the going tough against Airdrieonians in their Scottish League Cup semi-final match at Hampden Park. Not only did Airdrie survive an onslaught—they also looked dangerous in several breakaway raids. Two saves of Hunter, the newly recalled goalkeeper stopped Celtic from trailing. The champions were relieved when a quick move among the forwards culminated in a cross from Wilson being met by Murray, who made no mistake

Hibernian took a long time to settle down in their semi-final match against the hard-tackling Falkirk; but once Harper scored the game's only goal midway through the second half, they settled down and fully merited victory.

Stanton was not much in evidence until near the end, but Blackley was in top form, and Cropley was by far the most effective forward. With their wingers unable to shake off close marking by Kennedy and McLeod, Hibernian seldom reached their best form. The goal came in the sixty-eighth minute. Brownlie began the move. It was carried on by Gordon, whose neat pass found Harper perfectly placed to score.

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Greenhoff puts the ball past the Chelsea goalkeeper, Phillips, to give Stoke a 1—0 lead.

A goal to revive memories of 1966

By John Hennessy

Chelsea 2 Stoke City 2

The result of the Football League Cup tie at Stamford Bridge last night mattered less, perhaps, than the remote confirmation it brought to England's unlikely goal against West Germany in the 1966 World Cup final at Wembley, a bone of Teutonic contention ever since. Now, as then, the ball hit the crossbar, and bounced down to the ground, whence it came back into play to be gathered by the goalkeeper. Now, as then, the referee consulted the linesman and the decision went in favour of the attacking side, this time Chelsea. So England's victory was not based on a mathematical impossibility.

It was, indeed, a goal out of the blue for no sort of danger seemed to threaten Stoke City when Harris drove a long ball upfield and Hutchinson, drew a bow at a venture from 25 yards, with the goalkeeper far from home, and Chelsea were back in the match. Until that 23rd minute the game had lacked atmosphere, with small audience participation, and what there was drowned in the huge echoing new stand. Stoke had scored as early as the seventh minute and the spectre of the £2m worth of steel and concrete being transmuted into an elegant white elephant took renewed substance.

This was a goal that should never have been, not that is if you take the all too common view that goalkeepers should be infallible. On this occasion Phillips failed to gather a shot on the ground from Greenhoff some 30 yards out and Robertson seized avidly on the rebound.

Stoke City wove some pretty patterns, with Hurst usually at the heart of them, in spite of the crude attentions of Dempsey and Droy. Hudson, however, returning home, made scarcely any impact. For Chelsea, there was always a threat in the dash and elevation of Hutchinson and Garland.

The match fairly bubbled now as Cooke made contact at last with his wayward muse, and in the last pulsating minutes Chelsea looked the more like taking hold of the night, with Garland narrowly failing with left foot and head, a shot from Hutchinson just whistling past a post and the elegant Houseman frustrated at the last stride by Farmer. Stoke brought on Haslegrave for Robertson, and Chelsea Wilkins for Garland, but to no avail. It was a clean match, given what was at stake, but Pejic had his name taken for a foul on Cooke.

There were 19,954 spectators, 11,046 fewer than is needed to dispel the spectre that now haunts Stamford Bridge and at least 11,000 fewer than the match deserved. It will be replayed at Stoke next Wednesday.

The second half began, as had the first, with an early goal for Stoke, this time even quicker on the draw. We were only two minute further into the match when Hurst received due reward for his endeavours. Receiving a long ball from Greenhoff, hovering on the right touchline, Hurst this time evaded his sentinels to chest the ball down with superb artistry and prod it home. It was a goal in a thousand.

Chelsea's reply this time was quicker in the making, for only six minutes later they were level again. Houseman was brought down, somewhat histrionically, on the edge of the penalty area and from the free kick the ball bobbed about as though in a pin-ball machine, until Hutchinson nudged it over the line leaving Farmer a crumpled and senseless heap in his net.

CHELSEA: J. Phillips; G. Locke, R. Harris, J. Hollins, M. Droy, J. Dempsey, S. Kember, C. Garland (sub, R. Wilkins), C. Cooke, I. Hutchinson, P. Houseman.

STOKE CITY: J. Farmer; J. Marsh, M. Pejic, J. Mahoney, D. Smith, A. Dodd, J. Robertson (sub, S. Haslegrave), J. Greenhoff, G. Hurst, A. Hudson, G. Salmons.

Referee: L. Hayes (Doncaster).

Reading nearly catch Burnley unawares

By Norman Fox

Reading 1 Burnley 2

Fourth division football, represented by Reading, currently its second best club, almost managed to unbalance Burnley in the third round of the Football League Cup at Elm Park last night. They raced away with the first half and tore into a lead in the second, only to find Burnley's aloof and casual first division football good enough, even on a poor night, to spoil a pleasant vision.

Until the fifty-fifth minute it was possible to believe that Reading's efforts, leading to half a dozen or more shots buzzing around Stevenson's goal in the first half, were artificially created by Burnley's own carefree attitude. Reading did reach above themselves, but the difference between their relentless enthusiasm and Burnley's fundamental superiority in the basics, should have been enough to ensure no surprise. That for a long time was Burnley's assumption. They were nearly mistaken.

The basis of Reading's creditable performance was the reliability of two 19-year-old central defenders by the names of Hetzke and Lenarduzzi. Hetzke, I am assured, is a "local lad" from Hungerford but Lenarduzzi played some World Cup games for Canada before being recommended to Reading. They, and a man called Friday, big and powerful in the front of attack, kept Burnley from the comfortable win that they seemed to expect.

Beneath all of Reading's exuberance there was a feeling that the shots by Habbin, Friday, Hetzke and Murray that ranged in yardage from 30 yards out to 15 yards wide, were the condemning factors, despite the encouraging appearance they gave. Burnley's concern was never unnecessarily serious. They had no intention of providing an exhibition even when threatened.

In that 55th minute, Burnley had to change their policy. Moreline started another of Reading's seemingly ceaseless raids that were usually cleared before the penalty area was reached. A pass from Carnaby brought the customary quick attempt from too far out, but this time the ball escaped to Habbin, who was much better placed and scored.

First division football slowly came to life. Burnley brought players up from midfield; Noble and James began to intercept tired passes. The pace of their earlier efforts slowed Reading's running and Burnley cruised into the last 20 minutes, assisted by a mistake by Death, allowing Noble to head an easy equalizing goal from Collins's free kick.

If Reading had done enough to win a few much-needed friends, that goal by Noble showed there was an inevitable result in sight. The winning goal, from Newton after 76 minutes, was scored when not one Reading player had the energy to challenge him.

READING: S. Death; S. Henderson, D. Moreline, B. Wagstaff, S. Hetzke, R. Lenarduzzi, G. Cumming, R. Habbin, R. Friday, B. Carnaby, J. Murray.

BURNLEY: A. Stevenson; K. Newton, I. Brennan, W. Ingham (sub B. Flynn), C. Waldron, W. Rodaway, P. Noble, R. Hankin, P. Fletcher, D. Collins, L. James.

Referee: A. R. Lees (Street).

Yesterday's football results and scorers

League Cup

Third round

Bury (0) 1 Williams (16,354)	Leeds (1) 2 Lorimer Cherry
Chelsea (1) 2 Hutchinson (2) (19,954)	Stoke (1) 2 Robertson Hurst
Chester (1) 1 Lennard	Preston (0) 0 (11,362)
Colchester (0) 2 Svarc Leslie	Carlisle (0) 0 (7,842)
Crewe (0) 2 Duffey Reed (12,290)	Aston Villa (1) 2 Morgan Leonard
Man Utd (0) 1 Daly (pen)	Man City (0) 0 (55,225)
Reading (0) 1 Habbin (14,238)	Burnley (0) 2 Noble Newton
WBA (1) 1 Stringer (og) (11,631)	Norwich (1) 1 Boyer
Hartlepool (1) 1 Moore (5,995)	Blackburn (0) 1 Martin

Scottish League Cup

Semi-final round

Airdrie (0) 0 (30,000)	Celtic (0) 1 Murray
Falkirk (0) 0	Hibernian (0) 1 Harper

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group 5: Poland 3, Finland 0 (Poland won 5—1 on aggregate).

FA CUP: Second qualifying round replays: Gosport Borough 0, Alton Town 1; Enderby 1, Arnold 0.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: East Germany 2, Canada 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division (north): Worcester 3, AP Leamington 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Scarborough 1, Matlock 3; Macclesfield 0, Wigan 1; Gateshead 3, Netherfield 1.

Rugby Union

TOUR MATCHES: Newport 14, Tongans 6; Rugby 9, Gordon (New South Wales) 20.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Berkshire 13, Buckinghamshire 13; Hertfordshire 17, Oxfordshire 19.

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 30, Pontypridd 4; Cross Keys 16, Crumlin 3; Devon 21, Royal Navy 6; Gloucester 0, Moseley 6; Oxford University 7, Bridgwater and Albion 6; Staffordshire 10, Loughborough Colleges 9.

Rugby League

LANCASHIRE CUP: Semi-final round: Leigh 5, Widnes 8.

Today's fixtures

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Skelmersdale v Morecambe (7.30).

RUGBY UNION: Cambridge University v Cambridge City (2.45).

Baseball

Bando home run gives Oakland lead over Orioles

Los Angeles, Oct 9.—A five-run first inning helped Pittsburgh Pirates to a 7—0 victory over Los Angeles Dodgers in the third game of the National League play-off series here last night. Pittsburgh reduced Los Angeles' lead to 2—1 in the best-of-five series.—Reuter.

Baltimore, Oct 9.—A home run by Sal Bando in the fourth inning gave Oakland Athletics a 1—0 win over Baltimore Orioles here yesterday and a 2—1 lead in the best-of-five American League play-off series.

Both pitchers played brilliantly. Vida Blue, for Athletics, allowed only two hits while striking out seven batters and walking none. The Orioles' Jim Palmer gave up only four hits, walked one batter and struck out four.

Apart from Bando, on his home run over the left field wall, no runner reached second base during the game. A crowd of 32,060 watched the tight struggle.—Reuter.

Squash rackets

JOHANNESBURG: Final round: G. Hunt (Australia) beat J. Barrington (GB), 9—2, 9—4, 9—7. Third place playoff: R. Watson (South Africa) beat K. Hiscoe (Australia), 10—8, 9—0, 9—1.

Ice hockey

PRAGUE: Czechoslovakia 3, Team Canada 1.

Badminton

Champion wins first round in 20 minutes

Jakarta, Oct 9.—Indonesian doubles champion, Tjun Tjun, opened his country's challenge in the men's singles of the second world invitation badminton tournament here tonight with an easy victory over Denmark's Elo Hansen. He eliminated Hansen by 15—2, 15—4 in 20 minutes in the first men's singles match to be decided on the opening day of the tournament.

Tjun Tjun, who also won the doubles title at the recent Asian Games in Teheran, took only nine minutes to take the first set off Denmark's No. 2. In the second set Hansen opened strongly to reach 4—4 but the Indonesian forged ahead to take the set without conceding another point.

In the women's singles Commonwealth Games gold medallist, Margaret Beck, of Britain, moved into the second round with an impressive 11—8, 11—3 win over Malaysia's Sylvia Ng.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: Tjun Tjun (Indonesia) beat E. Hansen (Denmark), 15—2, 15—4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: Miss H. Yuki (Japan) beat Miss S. Wilanti (Indonesia), 11—4, 6—11, 11—7; Miss T. Kingmanee (Thailand) beat Miss E. B. Nielsen (GB), 1—11, 11—9, 11—5; Miss M. Beck (GB) beat Miss S. Ng (Malaysia), 11—8, 11—3; Miss M. Ikeda (Japan) beat Miss B. Giles (GB), 11—2, 8—11, 11—6; Miss M. Aizawa (Japan) beat Mrs S. Whetnal (GB), 12—11, 8—11, 11—7; Miss T. Sumirah (Indonesia) beat Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands), 11—3, 11—1; Miss T. Widiastuti (Indonesia) beat Miss L. Koppen (Denmark), 11—5, 11—2.—Reuter.

Yachting

Blyth building trimaran for round world race

Round-the-world yachtsman, Chay Blyth, has entered the Whitbread multihull race, a testing 16,000-mile handicap for catamarans and trimarans. Blyth is building a large trimaran for the race and hopes to crew it with paratroopers. The race, which is organized by the Royal Naval Sailing Association, will be the longest and toughest contest ever staged for multihulls.

Starting on November 1 next year, it will comprise four stages, criss-crossing the north and south Atlantic, and is expected to last nearly five months. The crews will start from Portsmouth and sail to Key West in Florida, across to Freetown in Sierra Leone, on to Rio de Janeiro and back to Portsmouth. This course was chosen specifically by the RNSA to test multihulls with a view to their possible inclusion in the 1977 Whitbread Round-the-World race.

HONOLULU: World tornado catamaran championships: 1, W. Hollier (Australia); 3, R. Seaman (US); 3, R. P. Allen (US). Overall after two races: 1, Hollier and D. McFaull (US), 15 points; 3, Seaman, 17.

South Africa excluded

South Africa have been excluded from the world amateur snooker championship taking place in Dublin next month. India and Ceylon, two of the other 12 countries competing, had threatened to pull out if South Africa competed. The Republic of Ireland Billiards Control Council will now have talks with the international body.

Rugby Union

Fine Tongan effort marred as loc forward is sent off at the end

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Newport 14 Tongans 6

Fa'aleo, the Tongan lock forward was sent off the field in the closing stages at Rodney Parade yesterday for punching Hazzard, the home side's fullback, and then for prolonging a violent onslaught after the whistle had gone. Newport retaliated in spirited strength, and for a while punches were traded wholesale and in all directions. Having produced order again, the referee, Mr Lloyd, who is newly appointed to the Welsh International panel, was left with no option but to send Fa'aleo packing. Such was the drastic climax to a niggling period of tension and fraying tempers.

So a thoroughly unhappy incident marred what would otherwise have been a satisfying occasion for the touring side. Here they were in Newport's centenary season, badly needing at least a good score after a run of six successive defeats. In the end, they got one, Newport winning by two penalty goals and two tries to a goal, but it might have been a lot closer than that.

The total domination of Newport in the tight scrummages was not translated into a clear superiority at line out, ruck or maul, and they were leading by only 10—6, midway through the second half when, first, Valita, the Tongan fullback, made a hash of a penalty attempt from short range and, second, when the captain, Sione Mafi was all but over from a tapped penalty.

That is not to forget that Hazzard, for whom for a long time little had gone right, had himself missed two kickable penalties for Newport either side of the interval. However, he came up trumps in the end. First he stretched a 7—6 lead with another penalty goal. Then he stifled another likely Tongan thrust with an excellent fall. And finally, after Fa'aleo's dismissal, he sealed the result by coming up on the short side of a scrummage to score a fine try. By now the rain was driving down out of a steely sky.

Before he departed, Fa'aleo at number four and his captain, standing at number two, certainly had won their side more line-out balls than they are accustomed to acquire. To what extent their increased success in ruck and maul was due to their own improvement is debatable. In this department the Newport performance was slap-happy, and the carelessness spread to the open spaces where sundry critical mistakes were made.

The Tongans at least had the satisfaction of supplying the day's outstanding performer, Ha'unga, at scrum half. He had a magnificent first half. Darting here, darting there, chipping ahead and irrepressibly prompting every move. Nothing was better all afternoon than the try he sparked off after Hazzard had given Newport the lead with an early penalty goal. That score was for off-side after an explosive Newport shove had jerked the opposing front row skywards.

Ha'unga made the try with a dashing open side break from a ruck, with telling support from Sione Mafi and Supi. Jenkins's cover tackle seemed to have scotched this attack but the Tongans won another ruck—how much easier it is when going forward—and a switch left resulted in Malakai going through like the wind. Valita converted, and not long afterwards Malakai had switched places with Hala to revert to his proper place at stand off.

This try was obtained when Newport briefly were reduced to 14 players. Their captain, Geo Evans, injured a knee and wa placed by Watts. Midway thr the second half Martin, for s time shaken up by a fierce ta gave way to Edwards.

Newport recaptured the lead before half time when, fro scrummage, Jenkins missed one of his centres, Hazzard c in, and the burly Davies cut po fully inside to the line. Haz then missed another not diff kick.

Newport had several other mising movements, once, fol ing an interception by Marti the centre, when the lock, Barr went with him but was unab take a difficult pass, and a when their loose forwards laun a thrust from a scrummage Poole drove almost clear, onl drop the ball. This inciden was Poole's 401st appearance his club. He has played ag every touring side since the 19 All Blacks (when Uzzell's dro goal produced a famous victo

It is sad indeed that in su sive seasons we have now seen touring players dismissed from field. Gradin, the Argentina s half, was sent off in the U match last year. Before him the Scottish international in there was the great All B Colin Meads. I recall Colin don, of Australia, being marching orders, in Wales, in 48. Another, of course, was in 1924-25. Cyril Brownlie, New Zealand forward, was sen by the Welsh referee, A Freethy, in the England national at Twickenham.

NEWPORT: J. Hazzard; K. Davi Burcher, J. Martin (replacement Edwards), M. L. Shore; C. Jenkin Evans; C. Smart, D. Ford, J. Da Watkins, I. Barnard, G. Evans, c (replacement P. Watts), J. Jeffer Poole.

TONGANS: Valita; Supi, Ma Samai, Isileli; Hala, Ha'unga; Pa Molou, Salo Fifita, Fa'aleo, F Kimipu, Fione Mafi, Salmone.

Referee: D. Lloyd (Nantyffyllon)

Nobody can get Carter on an exhilarating day

By Alan Gibson

Berks 13 Bucks 13

On a sunny afternoon at Newbury, in an even match of uneven quality, Berkshire scored a goal, a try and a penalty goal to Buckinghamshire's try and three penalty goals. The southern division of the Rugby Union county championship is embarking on a familiar course.

Berkshire scored two good tries against one from a sudden breakaway, and were to this extent unlucky. Furthermore, after a still first half, a little breeze blew for Buckinghamshire in the second. It may have put the last foot or so on to the long penalty with which Hammond levelled the scores near the end, and correspondingly taken a foot off the kick with which Arnold, a minute or two later, just failed to restore Berkshire's lead.

These two had exchanged penalty goals in the first half, during which there was no other scoring, nor much likelihood of it. Buckinghamshire had more of the play. Berkshire kicked too much in midfield when their wings deserved opportunities.

The second half was livelier. Berkshire went ahead with a try in which three forwards shared: a break on the blind side at halfway by Arnold, a dash by Vaughan and Boulter over in the left-hand corner. It looked as if Berkshire were going to score again after a good movement which changed direction, but the last pass to the right was intercepted by Carter in his own 25, and he was too fast and well winded for anyone to catch him. It was an exhilarating run, and Hammond's second penalty goal gave Buckinghamshire the lead.

Then came the second Berkshire try, from a move across field to the right after a lineout. The full back, by joining in, helped to give Maxwell the extra room he needed. Arnold converted this try, but Hammond's last penalty meant—or may well mean—that all was to do again.

BERKSHIRE: G. Colebourn (London Welsh); S. Maxwell (Richmond), M. Pigg (Oxford), G. Waugh (Richmond), R. Ellis-Jones (London Welsh); A. Robinson (Wasps), A. Carter (Maidenhead); M. Arnold (Maidenhead), R. Williams (London Welsh), D. Thomas (London Welsh), W. Lyons (Maidenhead), C. Hooker (Bedford), P. Simmons (Harlequins), J. Vaughan (London Welsh, captain), C. Boulter (London Welsh).

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE: J. Bicknall (Marlow); P. Carter (Northampton), P. Smith (Esher), R. Bacon (Henley, captain), A. Follett (Marlow); R. Hammond (Marlow), I. Whitelock (High Wycombe); M. Hann (Stroud), N. Barker (Bedford), J. Spencer (Beaconsfield), R. Bevis (Metropolitan Police), T. Roberts (Rugby), I. Baldry (Wasps), S. Pearman (High Wycombe), A. Ambrose (Sidcup).

Referee: J. Burgum (North Midlands).

Three penalties for Groom plus one for neatness

By Peter Marson

Hertfordshire 17 Oxfordshire 19

A new season's county championship programme in the southern division was begun at Croxley Green yesterday where Oxfordshire impishly stole away to win by a tiny margin of points moments before no side. Should either county eventually find a place in the quarter-final round, then one would hope that they would have got there by playing rugby on a higher plane.

Oxfordshire won by a goal, a try and three penalty goals, to two tries and three penalty goals. With both sides making a host of mistakes of one sort or other, the place kickers were continually up in the front line adjusting their sights. They were all quite successful, Webb, Wells and Groom, that is, and it could be argued that Groom, with his neat, studious and steady left-footed style, won the match for Oxfordshire.

He had already chalked up nine points from three penalty goals when Kilgour ran in for his second try. This brought the scores level at 17 points each with three minutes to go before no side. Groom appears to have borrowed the beginning to Asif Masood's—Pakistan's fast bowler—run up, and retreating before circling in he landed his conversion from a difficult position halfway out to the left of the posts on the 25.

That settled the matter, of course, and while Oxfordshire's happiness was spiced with a dash of relief, not to say, a little disbelief, poor Hertfordshire, who had shown a flickering of form with two excellent tries must have felt thoroughly sick to have allowed their lead of 17 points to seven a quarter of the way through the second half to erode and disappear.

At half time, Webb and Wells had landed penalty goals and Cadle had scored a try bringing 10 points to seven from Oxfordshire for whom Kilgour had scored a try and Groom kicked a penalty goal. Towersey then scored Hertfordshire's second try and Wells landed his second penalty goal. Groom now brought Oxfordshire within range with two penalty goals before he tipped the scales with his final contribution.

HERTFORDSHIRE: T. Webb (St Luke's College); A. Towersey (Bedford), S. Wells (Bedford), P. Cadle (Saracens), G. Hamilton (Bacavians); P. Hawkins, P. Griffiths (Saracens); A. Johnson (Bedford), C. Davies (Bedford), R. Faircloth (Saracens), H. Smith (Bacavians), C. Garland (Mill Hill), M. Williams (Saracens, capt), E. Riddle, G. Spooner (Hertford).

OXFORDSHIRE: S. Lyon (Henley); L. McDougall (Oxford), G. Horner (Henley), I. Ray (Loughborough Colleges), D. S. Kilgour (Oxford); R. P. Tapper (Oxford, capt), M. J. Groom (Oxford Marathons); M. Jones (London Welsh), A. Jenkins (Henley), S. A. Pickering (Oxford), P. Morgan (Abingdon), C. Jones (Oxford), R. Davies (Broughton Park), D. J. S. Dedrick (Oxford), J. Smith (St Luke's College, Exeter).

Referee: T. R. Parlett (Northumberland).

Oxford rally to win with two good move

By Gordon Allan

Bridgwater 6 Oxford Uni

Oxford University beat Br water and Albion by a pen goal and a try to two pen goals at Bridgwater last night was their first visit to Bridgw since the last war and they o it to Kent, their captain, wh home club is Bridgwater.

Oxford deserved to win. T also deserved to score more t one try. Their performance nic combined rapture and realis though whether they will be a to repeat it against teams l Cardiff and Northampton another matter. Kyrke-Smith a Lee were the pick of their f wards; Mackenzie and Quinn kept things going well at ha back; Glover was a bundle energy in midfield and Ellis f of enterprise behind them all.

Oxford looked sharp and qu from the outset, moving the b about confidently among the selves in defence as well attack. Bridgwater looked goo too, though with fewer opportu ties, and they took the lead af 20 minutes when Oxford w penalized at a lineout a Clemence kicked the goal fr 30 yards.

Five minutes later Oxford w penalized again, this time at a s scrummage in front of their po —their front row were t offenders—and Clemence popp the ball over to put Bridgwat 6—0 ahead. It was a position th had seemed improbable duri most of the first quarter. B Bridgwater were improving a had just earned their points. moment before the interval El struck a post with a penal attempt for Oxford, so that Bridgwater were still six up when t time came for the players to su their oranges, and the spectat to drink their tomato soup.

The game continued to ebb a flow at exhilarating speed in second half, and with 10 minu gone Oxford scored. Kent m a typically powerful thrust, Gre tried to clear on his own go line, but Ellis was up to ca him, deprive him of the ball, a dive over not far from the corn Soon afterwards Ellis kicked penalty for Oxford from 30 yar and in two strokes the game turned a somersault.

For all the efforts of Capa (an England trials player a f years ago), Bell and Burke, Bridgwater were struggling as no-si approached, and it was Oxf who looked increasingly likely score. Waldron crossed, but w recalled because of a forwa pass.

BRIDGWATER AND ALBION: Clemence; J. Biddiscombe, F. Tayl N. Crombie, D. Green; K. Burke, Barry; M. Rawle, M. Taylor, L. Calla R. Bell, D. Wheeler, A. Woollam, Hicks, B. Capaldi.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: W. E (Neath GS and Keble); J. Waldr (Harrow County and St Edmund Hal *C. Kent (Blundell's and Worcester *T. Glover (Lancaster Royal GS a Lincoln), R. Hones (Beechen Cli Bath, and St Edmund Hall); N. Quinn (St Benedict's, Ealing, and Wadham D. Mackenzie (Wyggeston and St E mund Hall); J. Widdup (Bradford and Queen's); P. Rees (Cardiff HS a Magdalen), P. Woodhead (Bradford and Lincoln), *P. Kyrke-Smith (Elle mere and Worcester), D. Macdona (Stellenbosch University and Univers College), C. Shaw (Orangefields a Ruskin), J. Taylor (Lancaster Royal and St Edmund Hall), *J. Lee (Chri church, New Zealand, and Chr Church).

Referee: A. Slovin (Somerset).

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Cricket

£750,000 assured before ball is bowled

Plans to make 1975 a "golden year" for cricket were outlined on the first day of a two-day public relations and promotions seminar held at Lord's yesterday.

County secretaries and captains were told that income from sponsorship and television receipts next year, which would have to be shared between the International Cricket Conference and the Test and County Cricket Board could be as high as £750,000 before a ball is bowled.

The inaugural world cup competition, for which a sponsor is to be announced, will be played in June, followed by a 10-week tour by the Australians.

Donald Carr, secretary of the TCCB, said that sponsorship and television fees would at least cover all expenses for the world cup and there should be a substantial profit to be shared among the eight competing nations.

"As the Australian tour then follows, and we shall have our usual attractive domestic competitions, it can be seen that we are offering the most varied and exciting programme that this country has even known. It is up to us to make it successful."

Mr Carr warned: "We can expect nothing substantial in the way of profit from our tour of Australia and New Zealand this winter, partly because of the devaluation of their currencies. But, of course, we are hoping to do very well when the Australians come here and we are still negotiating with their board of control about guarantees."

The meeting was told that English cricket's income had nearly doubled over the past eight years. Jack Bailey, secretary of the publicity committee of the TCCB in that period, said that total income had risen from £844,127 in 1967 to £1,579,103 in 1973, but expenditure was £1,493,677. Mr Bailey, now secretary of MCC, said: "Cricket in 1974 is in a relatively healthy position and a formula has been found that pleases most of the people most of the time. The game also reflects an image much more favourable than from other sports."

Mr Bailey outlined progress from 1967, highlighting the introduction of the John Player League, the Benson and Hedges Cup, immediate registration of overseas players and bonus points in the championship as key factors in making the game more attractive. Sponsorship and television income had risen from £138,620 to £344,277 in the period ending in 1973.

But a warning note was sounded by John Hughes, director of a public relations firm advising Lord's, who recalled that between 1965 and 1968 county clubs had lost over £200,000. He said: "Had losses continued at t rate, nine counties would h exhausted all resources in years.

"Fortunately cricket, by own efforts, reached break e point in 1971-72. However, if per cent inflation continues, penditure will double in three s three quarter years." He said game needed a healthy c reserve in case a year of b weather coincided with an u tractive Test series. That is w it was so important to make t a success. Mr Hughes added: " is a year of opportunity cricket. The game will have fight very hard for its existe over the next five years. battle is still on and there is room for complacency."

Michael Vockins, secretary Worcestershire, said that succ on the field did not necessa bring a healthy financial positi Although Worcestershire had the county championship season, reached the semi-final the Gillette Cup and the quar final of the Benson and Hed Cup they expected to show a of about £7,000.

Mr Bailey's successor as retary of the publicity commi of the TCCB was yesterday na as 35-year-old Peter Lush, has been with an adverti agency for 14 years.

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Equestrianism

Easter Parade comes between the Schockemöhles at Wembley

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Alwyn Schockemöhle had his second win of the week for West Germany at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley yesterday, taking the Butlin Have-a-Gamble on Warwick (not to be confused with Tony Newbery's Australian horse). He had 740 points against the 690 of Eddie Macken on Easter Parade for Ireland, and his brother Paul, riding Tipperary, was only ten points behind in third place, 8.1 seconds faster than the best of the defending side, Marion Mould with John Gamble.

In the Dick Turpin Stakes, Caroline Bradley and the stallion Middle Road, who went so well on Tuesday evening to put up the best British performance in the Philips Electrical Stakes, jumped two clear rounds to score from the former Badminton winner, Celia Ross-Taylor, riding Pierette, the horse on which she won the Welsh jumping derby at the Broome family's show at Chepstow last month.

The Evette Grade C championship of the year brought into competition some new qualified novices and was won by 17-year-old Geoffrey Goodwin, who farms with his father near Stoke-on-Trent. He jumped three clear rounds on his four-year-old roan mare, Sally Ann, to win the title taken last year by Allison Dawes with Inter-City.

Sally Ann's dam was bought, unexpectedly in foal, from Stephen Hadley.

Gillian Blakeway, who had the misfortune to lose her good horse, Capsicum, recently with an obscure disease of the pancreas, transmitted by sheep, won the Watney Mann Working Hunter of the Year title on the seven-year-old Mr Perkins, a bay by Scottish Venture and owned by Terry Biddlecombe's father-in-law, Capt Tyrwhitt-Drake.

COB OF THE YEAR: 1, Mrs A. Landau's Justin Time (Miss S. Trigg); 2, B. Duggan's Paragon; 3, Miss A. Baldry's Vodka.

EVETTE GRADE C (championship of the year): 1, G. Goodwin's Sally Ann; 2, Miss A. Smith's Rush Green; 3, N. Skelton's Everest Maybe.

DICK TURPIN STAKES: 1, Miss C. Bradley's Middle Road; 2, Miss C. Ross-Taylor's Pierette; 3, Miss L. J. Clower's Logic.

BUTLIN HAVE-A-GAMBLE: 1, A. Schockemöhle's Warwick (W Germany); 2, E. Macken's Easter Parade (Ireland); 3, P. Schockemöhle's Tipperary.

After a competition whose preliminaries seemed to last most of the day, 21 qualified for the final and 11 eventually survived to go against the clock over a big course of closely-aligned fences.

Alwin Schockemöhle and Weiler, winners of the Butlin Stakes the previous evening, opened the decider with a fault at the wall in the combination in 32.8sec, which eventually put them fifth. He was soon overtaken in the best time of the competition, 30.9sec, by Harvey Smith with Salvador, but this German horse fell victim to the combination too, at the oxer going out. Then David Broome with the American-bred Philco looked like going clear, only to hit the final vertical in a time one-tenth of a second faster than Weiler.

Eddie Macken on Easter Parade for Ireland demolished the crossed poles, Graham Fletcher's Tauna Dora faulted coming out of the treble, and the first clear round was achieved by Stephen Hadley on Corunna Bay. It was an inordinately lucky clear, for this big horse stood off so far at the crossed poles that he appeared to have no chance of clearing them.

Tennis

Taylor slots his game smoothly into place

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Madrid, Oct 9

Christopher Mottram and Roger Taylor, his senior by 13 years and six months, today gave Britain two places in the last 16 of the men's singles in the Melia Trophy tennis tournament. Susan Mappin, who used to play at the same Sheffield club as Taylor, advanced to the last eight of the relatively modest women's event. Lindsey Beaven should join her by winning tomorrow. Their next matches will be as follows: Mottram v Guillermo Vilas, the top seed Taylor v Ilie Nastase seeded fourth; Miss Mappin v Helga Masthoff, the top seed, and Miss Beaven v Carmen Coronado.

The best British performance to oday was that of Taylor. He won —3, 6—3 against the thirteenth eed, Jaime Fillol who was unner-up here last year. The andsome, raw-boned Chilean is a an of immense charm and a ynamic, violently forthright layer with impressive references, specially on the clay courts with hich he is most familiar. He is lso a sensitive chap, acutely aware of the fact that the next time he eats Taylor will be the first time. There was never much chance of it appening today.

Taylor confessed afterwards that was a long time since he had erved as well as he did this after- oon. The rest of his game slotted moothly into place, and he darted bout the court as if he was 10 ears younger. He played as if his fe depended on it (an attitude y no means prevalent among ritish players) and his game was resistably authoritative.

Taylor has had a lot of trouble ith his arm in the past 15 months nd his service and forehand have een slow to regain their rhythm. ut it seems that everything is radually settling back into place. is odd that such an encouraging splay should occur on the clay mainland Europe, which is not s natural metier. It is also more an a year since he played on it. n every way, today's was an xciting win.

Mottra mis more at ease on such ourts as these, but has also been way from them a long time. This eek he seems to be specializing n the kind of cliff-hanging ex- loits we used to associate with arold Lloyd films. His two matches had both gone to three sets, punctuated by tie-breaks and points of thrilling importance to those of us far removed from the preparations for a general election. As in his first match, Mottram did not play consistently well in winning 7—6, 6—7, 6—4 against Vitas Gerulaitis, of New York, whose roots lie in Lithuania. But Mottram did win; and in doing so he showed a lot of "G and D" (the game's verbal shorthand for "guts and determination").

So did Miss Mappin, who won 0—6, 6—3, 6—1 against the left-handed Cora Creydt (née Schediwy) of Germany. In the first set Miss Mappin scored only 10 points, which was disheartening, against a player with far more experience of the mental disciplines clay courts demand. But for the rest of the match Miss Mappin settled down to an exercise in constructive restraint, which is to say that she used the court sensibly while concentrating on keeping the ball in play. Her first service ofen seemed careless in its mode of delivery and she sometimes hit flashing shots born of impatience. But, taken as a whole, this was an impressive performance, mentally, tactically, and technically. Her emotional and physical stamina surpassed Mrs Creydt's.

One of Miss Mappin's rivals for a singles place in Britain's Wightman Cup team, Susan Barker, was beaten 6—4, 4—6, 6—4 by Rosa-Maria Darmon, aged 35, who has three children and had played only three tournaments this year. Mrs Darmon knows plenty about clay court tennis, and can still play it soundly as long as she is not asked to run too quickly too far too often. But this was an embarrassing defeat for Miss Barker, who is also young enough to be Mrs Darmon's daughter. Both played their best tennis in adversity, but, for most of the match, were too nervous to press gained. Miss Barker was not consistently equal to the challenge of the occasion. She learnt how to push the ball, but eventually seemed to forget how to hit it.

Ulrich Pinner, aged 20, defeated François Jauffret, the fourteenth seed, by 7—5, 3—6, 10—8, after Jauffret had served for the match three times.

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: T. Okker (Netherlands) beat P. Cornejo (Chile), 6—3, 7—5; E. Dibbs (US) beat J. Valesco (Colombia), 6—1, 1—6, 6—3; H. Solomon (US) beat T. Svensson (Sweden), 6—4, 1—6, 6—1; J. Yuill (SA) beat A. Muñoz (Spain), 6—7, 6—3, 6—4; J. Krebec (Czechoslovakia) beat F. McMillan (SA), 6—3, 6—4; I. Nastase (Romania) beat R. Moore (SA), 6—3, 6—4; J. Gisbert (Spain) beat S. Krulevitz (US), 6—7, 6—1, 6—4; C. J. Mottram (GB) beat V. Gerulaitis (US), 7—6, 6—7, 6—4; U. Pinner (W Germany) beat F. Jauffret (France), 7—5, 3—6, 10—8; R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat T. Vazquez (Spain), 6—1, 4—6, 6—3; R. Taylor (GB) beat J. Fillol (Chile), 6—3, 6—3; G. Vilas (Argentina) beat P. Proisy (France), 6—3, 6—3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: Mrs H. Masthoff (W Germany) beat Miss M. Riley (US), 6—1, 6—1; Miss V. Ruzici (Romania) beat Miss P. Lowden (Belgium), 6—1, 6—2; Miss S. Mappin (GB) beat Mrs C. Creydt (W Germany), 1—6, 6—2, 6—0; Mrs A.-M. Pinto-Bravo (Chile) beat Miss C. Coudor (Spain), 6—3, 6—4; Miss M. Kozeluhova (Czechoslovakia) beat Miss M. Alvarez-Mon (Spain), 6—1, 6—4; Mrs C. Mandarino (Spain) beat Miss I. Ridel (W Germany), 6—3, 1—6, 6—0.

Durban, Oct 9.—Mr Basil Reay, British secretary of the Davis Cup tennis committee, today issued a warning to India—play South Africa in the Cup final or face the risk of expulsion from the competition.

Mr Reay, who arrived in Durban on holiday yesterday, gave the warning in a telegram to Mr Raj Khanna, honorary secretary of the All-Indian Lawn Tennis Federation. He said he was acting on the advice of Mr Harcourt Woods, chairman of the committee of management of the Davis Cup nations, who gave the authority for the warning to be issued in a telegram from New York.

PHOENIX (Arizona): Miss W. Overton (US) beat Miss E. F. Goolagong (Australia), 6—3, 4—6, 6—4; Mrs L. W. King (US) beat Miss C. Bostrom (US), 6—3, 6—2; Miss F. Durr (France) beat Miss K. Latham (US), 2—6, 6—2, 7—5.

TOKYO: Japan championships: Y. Tezuka beat I. el Shafei 6—3, 6—2; C. Drysdale beat R. Rheinberger 6—2, 6—4; F. McNair beat M. Estep 6—1, 6—4; K. Warwick beat Kim Mun-il 6—2, 6—3; J. Fassbender beat J. Watanabe 7—5, 6—1; J. Newcombe beat M. Motoi 6—1, 6—2; J. Kamiwazumi beat M. Lara 6—1, 6—2; S. Ball beat J. Austin 1—6, 6—2, 6—0; R. Tanner beat A. Machidori 6—2, 6—0; O. Parun beat R. Ruffels 6—4, 6—3; G. Reid beat R. Carmichael 6—4, 6—1; K. Rosewall beat S. Tanabe 6—1, 6—2; R. Stockton beat J. Kuki 7—6, 6—0; R. Case beat T. Sakai 6—2, 6—4; C. Richey beat Sachio Kato 6—2, 6—1; H. J. Pohmann beat Kenichi Hirai 6—0, 6—1; Miss K. Sawamatsu beat Miss Jill Schwikert 6—3, 6—0; Miss A. Kiyomura beat Miss K. Nakagawa 6—0, 6—3; Miss R. Giscafre beat Miss K. Nomura 6—1, 6—0; Miss J. Fernandez beat Miss T. Hirokawa 6—1, 6—1; Mrs K. Ebbinghaus beat Miss A. Iida 6—4, 6—0; Miss K. Yagawara beat Miss Joy Schwikert 4—6, 6—4, 6—4; Miss J. Young beat Miss Y. Okada 6—2, 5—7, 6—4.

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Japanese give Marsh honourable mention

y Peter Ryde
olf Correspondent

In the Piccadilly world match- ay tournament which starts day, I am supporting Graham arsh which is almost enough to sure that he will be beaten in e first round. My support is sed on his game which is in the ghest class—ask any Japanese, ree of whose tournaments he s won this year, or those who tched the final here last year— d on my belief that he has a eat desire to win, not only for ancial reasons.

Last week he was still feeling r his game in the Dunlop asters but a last round of 69 owed that he was not far from

His opponent Heard, is having better year than last, and second ace in his latest American urnament will have raised him gher than eighth place which he cupied in the order of merit fore that. Heard made his first quaintance with the West course Wentworth yesterday, having ken the day before off to catch with himself, but victory in s year's Spanish Open and in w Zealand before that suggests *at he travels easily.*

should be writing about the tch that will bulge the sidewalks lay—Peter Oosterhuis against ny Jacklin at 9.30 and 1.30. If ard was one of the last to prac- Oosterhuis was one of the t, wasting no time after his return on Sunday from the United States where he made absolutely sure of qualifying for the final test for his players' card there. This should give him a mental stimulus today but there is no security for him in the fact that he has a better record than Jacklin this year.

One has only to suggest that the exceptionally heavy conditions this year—Oosterhuis yesterday was taking wood for his second at three par four holes, the first, third and ninth—should favour the longer hitters, to ensure that the shortest player of the eight, in this case Charles, goes round in the lowest score of the day. The classic example of this was Ken Venturi's victory in the 1964 United States Open at the Congressional Club. Wentworth is not all that narrow, but it is death to the wayward driver and it is not encouraging for Crenshaw that his poor last round in the Lancome Trophy last weekend owed a good deal, I am told, to getting behind trees off the tee.

He will not live long if he does this against the holder, Player, in the opening match at 9 o'clock and 1 o'clock. Player's five vic*tories in this event gives him a* great pull over all comers. In the art of the 36-hole match there is no equal, and one has only to look back to last year's final against Marsh which he won at the 41st to see his fighting qualities. Will there be "no change at Wentworth West" this week? The general election notwithstanding, those who have had their fill of waiting for the next result from the polls will find that the BBC have cameras to spare for this event, and are hoping to provide the same coverage as last year tomorrow and for the final on Saturday.

Though I hope to slip across to watch Player's match for a time, I fear that in the match between Charles and Irwin the figures, in the immortal words of my predecessor, will have to speak for themselves. Irwin has a reputation as a fine iron player and one whose game shows up well the better the course. On that slender information I prefer him to Charles who when last seen was not near his best form. Recommended equipment for this tournament is (for journalists) the tape recorder to catch the last words of wisdom this season as they fall from the stars, seven-league boots to get to the turn (there are courtesy buses for the foot weary), earplugs to soften the sound of the VIP helicopter, but above all a fine partizanship to bring flavour to this most robust form of the game.

Order of play for the first round:

9.0 am and 1.0 pm: G. Player (SA) v B. Crenshaw (US).
9.15 and 1.15: G. Marsh (Australia) v J. Heard (US).
9.30 and 1.30: A. Jacklin (GB) v P. Oosterhuis (GB).
9.45 and 1.45: H. Irwin (US) v R. Charles (NZ).

he Thornhills and their chance of fame

John Woodcock

y beating David Frame and ather Clifford at the 20th hole the quarter-finals yesterday ernoon, the Thornhills kept e their chance of becoming y the second married couple r to win the Worplesdon mixed rsomes. The Becks and the athcoat Amorys (she having n the incomparable Joyce thered) and the Beharrells and Uziellis have all reached the l, but only Michael Bonallack ever won it with his bride.

hree down after 12 holes, Miss ford and Frame squared with Thornhills on the 18th. They ht have done so earlier had Thornhills not found a lie re they scarcely deserved one to the left of the 17th green. The 19th was halved in four, and at the 20th Mrs Thornhill hit a drive that most men would have been proud of. Her husband could get up in two, Frame could not, and that was that.

Beverley Lewis and Caplan, both purposeful and sturdy, play the Thornhills this morning in the first of the semi-finals. This will be very much a case of the new school against the old. Miss Lewis and Caplan were helped to victory yesterday when R. G. Scott, in clearing a leaf or a wormcast or something of that sort out of his line on the 17th green, with his putter, moved his ball instead. Wrongly, as it happened, he took a penalty stroke, upon the advice of a customarily infallible source; but Miss Lewis holed her putt for a four, which would anyway have given her the match.

In the lower half of the draw Susan Birley and Glading, who won together in 1970 when she was Susan Roberts, survived to meet Lucy Davies and Youngman. Most of the morning and some of the afternoon had been taken up with a desperate struggle in which Miss Davies and Youngman beat Mary Everard and Boyd at the 19th.

What the old timers would have had to say had 18 holes of a foursome taken three hours 38 minutes to play I hardly like to think. The same, I daresay, as those couples playing yesterday for the consolation prize at the back of the field.

Not a jay or a squirrel was safe when Boyd had a wooden club in his hand. But Miss Everard coaxed him round, playing almost flawlessly herself and hitting a long drive down the 18th where they were one up, having just won the 16th and 17th. Boyd, though, lost that hole, with a three wood dragged into the car park, Miss Davies and Youngman getting a really splendid four, and poor Miss Everard had the mortification of leaving a 20 inch putt short at the first extra hole. At that even the winners opened their mouths more in horror than in joy.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN: Midlands senior professional championship: 28 holes at Ladbrook Park: 116, G. N. White (Cosmoor), 75, 43; 117, J. E. Wiggett (King's Norton), 78, 39; 118, A. Ireland (Trentham), 75, 43.

esterday's results

ird round

I. N. Caplan (Worplesdon) and Mrs . Lewis (Rochford Hundred) beat . F. M. Robb (Worplesdon) and Miss J. Slant (Handsworth), one up.
Gilbert Scott and Mrs R. R. Parton (Rye) beat P. J. Lowe (Worplesdon) nd Miss J. Lee (Northants County), , and 1.
W. Frame (Worplesdon) and Miss Clifford (North Hants) beat R. B. ridges (Woking) and Mrs P. Riddi- ord (Royal Ashdown Forest), 2 and .
. Thornhill and Mrs J. R. Thorn- ill (Walton Heath) beat D. M. olmer and Mrs D. Aylwin (Ash- dge), 4 and 3.
A. Dutton and Mrs R. I. Marshall (Denham) beat J. Bennett and Miss Pithers (Royal Mid Surrey), one .
L. Glading and Mrs S. Birley (Addington Palace) beat J. McCracken and Mrs C. Bartron (Liphook), 4 and 3.
S. M. L. Morgan (Royal Dornoch) and Mrs Morgan (Royal Mid Surrey) beat A. Smalley (Worplesdon) and Mrs A. Mackeson-Sandbach (Berkshire), 3 and 2.
T. J. Youngman (Royal North Devon) and Mrs A. J. Davies (Huntercombe) beat I. W. Boyd (Berkshire) and Miss M. Everard (Hallamshire), at the 19th.

Fourth round

Caplan and Mrs Lewis beat Gilbert Scott and Mrs Parton, 2 and 1.
Mr and Mrs Thornhill beat Frame and Miss Clifford, at the 20th.
Glading and Mrs Birley beat Dutton and Mrs Marshall, 4 and 3.
Youngman and Mrs Davies beat Mr and Mrs Morgan. 1 up.

Racing

Ascot holds the stage for two days

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

All eyes are on the weather at Ascot, where their last flat race meeting of 1974 is due to be staged tomorrow and on Saturday. Having lost two important days there last month the clerk of the course, Capt Nicholas Beaumont, is understandably anxious that the weather should not play any more unkind tricks. So, too, I imagine, are those trainers who are still anxious to give two-year-olds more experience before the season ends.

The last fortnight must have been particularly frustrating. Capt Beaumont told me that racing would have been possible there yesterday but the ground is bound to be heavy. He went on to say that rain after racing has finished tomorrow could jeopardise Saturday's programme.

Capt Beaumont remarked after walking the course yesterday that the rainfall there in September was 6.36 inches, and that they have had a further 1.6 inches since October 3. He warns that the grass is longer than he would like, simply because he has not dared put a tractor on the course to mow it. Incidentally, the going on the steeplechase course and the hurdles course at Ascot yesterday was good to firm, *in spite* of all the recent rain, which endorses the view that it would be an act of folly to install a watering system at Cheltenham as has been suggested in the past in certain quarters.

To water a course in the summer and autumn if you want to stage racing there during the winter *would be madness*. I have walked the courses at Ascot and Newbury in the winter at times when racing on the watered flat race courses would have been out of the question, yet be perfectly possible on the jumping courses that have been left untouched during the summer.

Saturday's racecard at Ascot features the Princess Royal Stakes: the Bovis Stakes and the Cornwallis Stakes. The Duke of Edinburgh Stakes and the Marlborough House Stakes form the centrepiece of the programme there tomorrow.

There will be racing on the same day as a general election for the first time today. The course at Lingfield Park was passed fit after an inspection yesterday morning and weather permitting there will also be racing again at York. The Edenbridge Plate has been divided at Lingfield and I suggest that stable companions at Seven Barrows, Red Regent and Hilarious, will win the two divisions. Red Regent looked a promising two-year-old indeed at Doncaster when he won the Feversham Stakes, and Patrick Eddery will certainly be looking for the colt's help to consolidate his position at the top of the tree.

Eddery will also be anxious to win the other division on Hilarious because he was criticised for taking things much too easily on this Busted colt at the last meeting, when they were caught and passed in the closing stages by Sassari and Eddery was the first to accept that criticism. So They Say, beaten three lengths by Libra's Rib at Kempton Park, seems certain to *run* well but I still prefer Hilarious.

Our Newmarket correspondent is of the opinion that The Dunce is capable of winning the Oxted Stakes. Giselle, a winner on heavy ground at Lingfield last month, will find the conditions at York much to her liking and she is my selection for the Malton Stakes. If Giselle, who is the first of Peter Walwyn's runners this afternoon, Red Regent and Hilarious all win, their trainer will have reached a new milestone in his career. With Great Guns winning at York yesterday he now needs to saddle only two more winners to equal his record-breaking season of last year and three to excel it.

The Littlego Handicap has attracted an excellent field headed by Jimsun who finished fifth in the Benson & Hedges Gold Cup at York in August. Since then he has been beaten by Candlestand in the Doonside Cup at Ayr where Long Row, one of his opponents this afternoon, won the *Ladbroke Holidays* Handicap on the same afternoon. It remains to be seen whether either Jimsun or Long Row can give more than a stone to Traquair, who is clearly none the worse for his stout effort in the Irish Sweeps Cambridgeshire last Saturday.

STATE OF GOING (official): York: Heavy. Lingfield Park: Heavy. Cheltenham: Good. Ascot (tomorrow): Heavy. Lanark (tomorrow): Good. Fakenham (tomorrow): Soft.

Late change of plan

Hurry Harriet, last year's Champion Stakes winner, has been declared to make her appearance in the £4,000 added Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot on Saturday, but the trainer, Paddy Mullins, has now decided to wait until the Curragh meeting on October 19. The filly, owned by a Canadian-based Irishman, will then be sent to Toronto for the Woodbine Stakes on October 27.

Red Regent and Hilarious can help Eddery consolidate

By Brough Scott

Night in Town, the Cesarewitch favourite, won himself more friends yesterday . . . without ever stirring from his box. For three other big race hopefuls were soundly beaten by Man Alive in the Rockingham Cesarewitch Trial, at York, and although Man Alive is not an entry at Newmarket, on his last run he was well outpointed by Night in Town at Nottingham.

Japello did best of yesterday's candidates, finishing three lengths second with Rufford third and Mr McMandy fifth. Admitedly, Japello was giving the winner 13 lb. 2 lb more than Night in Town did at Nottingham, but although exact weight calculations can put him not far behind the Cesarewitch favourite on paper, I feel his style of racing is against him, and the bookmakers sem to agree, having eased him from 25 to 33-1. He loves to bowl along in front and even if Boismoss carried such tactics succesfully in the 1967 Cesarewitch, I would think it far more likely that he will be cut down at the end, as he was yesterday.

All this should not detract from the gameness of the winner. Man Alive has now won three of his last seven races and been second in the ohter four. He isentered again on the flat this season but Charlie Hall's stepson, Maurice, said that Camasha, the grey shows great promise over hurdles and I think breeders should keep a note for his entry into this sphere.

If Eddery had to take second place here he ended the day with two more winners, one for Peter Walwyn on the ultra-game Great Guns and the other for Harry Wragg on the two-year-old filly, Doubt Me Not. This last was doubly significant for Lester Piggott was her intended partner but a chill grounded him at Newmarket and so Eddery lengthened his lead in the championship to seven . . . 137 to 130.

On both fillies Eddery was at his sympathetic best. His is very much a touch of balance and flair, and it was a delight to see how he kept them going in particularly heavy ground. This is particularly true on Great Guns, because he had to ask her a real question to peg back Ballito, who had been driven to the front a furlong out. But there was a steady, rhythmic inevitability about his effort which had the hallmark of a champion, and as that is certainly what the bookmakers think, he will end the season. They now go 11-4 on Eddery, 2-1 Piggott.

Jack Fisher and Peter Robinson, Ballito's owner and trainer, had two other runners, Golden Aim, a good looking two-year-old who may well show us something next year, and Sergeant Rose, who was a close, and his trainer considers, highly unlucky second in the apprentices' race. True Sergeant Rose was fast catching the winner, Sky Bonnet, at the finish, but from the stand at any rate this seemed less due to any misjudgment on the part of Sergeant Rose's rider, Tommy Whelan, than to the finishing style of 19-year-old Paul Carr on the winner.

At best this could be described as "confident" and at worst "semi-paralysed" for Carr, who was riding his first ever winner, had his filly in front a furlong and a half out and then crouched absolutely motionless on her all the way to the finish. Yet who is to criticize a winner, particularly since the filly had been written off as unreliable by several good judges, yet here she was struggling through the mire with her head outstretched in resolution. Who knows but that in her case motionless may be best? Certainly trainer Bill Watts, whose other victory with Blue Touch in the first had been his first for six weeks, had no complaints—and as for Carr, who is ever going to worry just how that first winner is gained?

Iceman Rimell's choice for Aintree

Fred Rimell achieved a 117-1 double with Bramblestown and Iceman over fences at Cheltenham yesterday, and promptly named Iceman as his first choice for the 1975 Grand National Steeplechase.

Iceman, having his first race since he was brought down in the Topham Trophy 18 months ago, was handled in the run-in with beautiful timing by Ken White to overhaul the pacemaking favourite Pine Lodge and win the Postlip Steeplechase by two lengths. "He'll be my National horse if all goes well", declared Rimell, who already has three Aintree triumphs with E.S.B., Nicolaus Silver and Gay Trip.

Rimell was highly impressed when Iceman returned to training after his long rest. He said: "I never had a horse back looking so well. He had improved in every way."

The Kinnersley trainer was equally enthusiastic when Bramblestown led from start to finish and held off Spanish Steps to win the Churchdown Steeplechase by 12 lengths. "Didn't he jump, and didn't John Burke give him a lovely ride?" exclaimed Rimell.

Bramblestown is now a probable for the Mackeson Gold Cup on November 9 unless the going is extremely heavy. The seven-year-old needs top of the ground and not too much weight as he is not big enough to carry a heavy load.

Apple of My Eye, winner of two flat races in the summer and narrowly thwarted in two more, landed a gamble from 10-1 to 5-1 in the Tewkesbury Handicap Hurdle.

She went to the front turning into the straight and held off Ibn El Harrem by two lengths, to the relief of her Didcot trainer Frank Cundell, who said: "I thought Apple of My Eye would win, but she never ate an oat last night. I took her temperature, examined her, and decided to let her run and she seemed ok but I halved my bet".

Sea Fern, 9-2 favourite for the Rodborough Hurdle, found a fine turn of speed on the flat to overtake El Menino.

The Brighton trainer Charles Moore, saddled his first Cheltenham winner with his second runner on the course when Royal Romance held off Lot One by half a length in the Nicholson Hurdle.

There are 20 entries for the three hundred and fifth running of the Newmarket Town Plate today. It will be over three miles and threequarters of the July Course at noon and all proceeds will go to the Astley Institute, the recreation centre for former stablemen, now under construction at Newmarket.

In line with the advent of women jockeys, the race has attracted a better-class horse, but it is not confined to permit holders. Caroline Mercer, aged 16, who won the event last year on Wood Ditton, and the previous year on Greenacre, is without a mount this time.

RUNNERS AND RIDERS (all 12 st): Triumph (Miss G. B. Luff), Val's Son (Miss G. M. Smith), Ascend (Mrs D. Copley), Grey Seal (Mrs K. M. Mark), Round the Moon (Miss Brenda Smith), Asthury (Miss D. Bissill), Bella Figura (Mrs R. Coyne), Charlie George (Mr S. G. Donaldson), Gunner Smith (Mrs E. Sears), Sweet Romance (Mr F. W. Davey), Fleet Leader (Mrs C. Belger), Robber Viking (Mrs M. Tinkler), Polly Rocket (Miss J. Thorne), Arcadian Days (Mr L. Barlow), Queen's Route (Miss S. Goodhew), Court Colours (Mr M. Moffatt), My Mate (Miss L. Goodwill), Hard Cash (Miss R. Maddocks), Determined (Mr C. Hassell), Prince Harlequin (Miss J. Guest).

York programme

2.15 MALTON STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,160: 6f)

1	00311	Gay Bird (D), J. Hardy, 9-4	C. Moss	9
3	01	Giselle (D), P. Walwyn, 8-13	F. Morby	2
4	3	Amarante, A. Budgett, 8-8	E. Johnson	3
5	000	Ancusa, C. Brittain, 8-8	F. Durr	4
6	0	Argent Soleil, W. Marshall, 8-8	R. Marshall	10
7	0	Duboff, B. Hills, 8-8	R. Hutchinson	1
10	000	Galant Bid, W. Elsey, 8-8	E. Hide	11
13		Huntingfield, P. Walwyn, 8-8	J. Seagrave	7
15		Lantana, S. Hall, 8-8	B. Taylor	6
16	2	Lilo, J. Hindley, 8-8	L. Piggott	8
17		Marching Orders, I. Balding, 8-8	P. Waldron	5

9-4 Lilo, 5-2 Giselle, 9-2 Duboff, 7-1 Amarante, 10-1 Gay Bird, 14-1 Huntingfield, Marching Orders, 20-1 others.

2.45 RAWCLIFFE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £986: 6f)

3	3204	Supreme Lad, P. Davey, 8-6	J. Seagrave	8
5	1001	Son of Ragusa (C), J. Calvert, 8-4	C. Eccleston	10
8	01	Dana's Return (C), B. Hills, 8-1	E. Hide	7
13	324143	Peter Culter (C), J. Mulhall, 7-9	—	2
15	031240	Grand Hope, M. H. Easterby, 7-8	B. Lee	3
17	230400	Incensed, L. Shedden, 7-6	K. Lewis 5	1
18	421030	*Bally Native, P. Moore, 7-5	—	5
19	030410	My Ginny (D), R. Jarvis, 7-4	M. L. Thomas	6
20	1340	*Tribulation (D), T. Darling, 7-4	—	4
22	004	Le Grand Meaulnes, P. Beasley, 7-0	S. Salmon 5	9

11-4 Peter Culter, 4-1 Dana's Return, 9-2 Son of Ragusa, 11-2 Supreme Lad, 8-1 My Ginny, 10-1 Grand Hope, 14-1 others.

3.15 LITTLE-GO HANDICAP (£1,760: 1m 1f)

1	014202	Jimsun (C), H. Jones, 3-9-12	L. Piggott	6
2	010101	Long Row, R. Jarvis, 4-9-5	M. L. Thomas	3
6	011120	Dakota, S. Hall, 3-8-6	E. Hide	4
8	130413	Traquair, J. Dunlop, 3-8-2	Ron Hutchinson	1
10	113-020	Tree Breeze, P. Beasley, 3-7-12	S. Salmon 5	2
12	030130	Aldie, I. Balding, 3-7-7	P. Robinson 7	5

6-4 Traquair, 11-4 Long Row, 9-2 Jimsun, Dakota, 16-1 Tree Breeze, 20-1 Aldie.

3.45 BATTLE OF THE STANDARD STAKES (3-y-o: £907: 1½m)

1	204001	Beholden (D), S. Hall, 9-0	B. Taylor	2
5	002013	Highway Robbery, J. E. Sutcliffe, 9-0	L. Piggott	11
8	4-00001	Seaspray, P. Haslam, 9-0	I. Johnson 5	3
9	200230	Sunny Jim, K. Payne, 9-0	T. Lappin	7
11	010004	Top Town (D), W. Holden, 9-0	—	4
12	00-000	Young Stuart, D. Doyle, 9-0	J. Egan	10
13	000000	Abbey Inn, J. Calvert, 8-11	J. Seagrave	9
14	222141	Age of Consent (D), G. Hunter, 8-11	F. Morby	6
17	030021	Miss Goldie (D), R. Jarvis, 8-11	M. L. Thomas	8
18	000040	Open Verdict, P. Robinson, 8-11	P. Tulk	1
19	033202	Substantial, Miss S. Hall, 8-11	C. Eccleston	3

7-2 Highway Robbery, 9-2 Seaspray, 5-1 Sunny Jim, 7-1 Miss Goldie, 8-1 Beholden, Age of Consent, 10-1 Open Verdict, 12-1 Top Town, 14-1 Substantial, 16-1 others.

4.15 ASKE HANDICAP (£1,094: 1½m)

1	332102	Reformed Character (D), Denys Smith, 4-9-3	L. Piggott	3
2	301010	Wishing Star (CD), D. Marks, 5-9-1	P. Waldron	1
3	323010	King's Equity (CD), G. P-Gordon, 4-8-13	B. Taylor	2
4	40-1020	Live Arrow (D), W. Marshall, 5-8-13	R. Marshall	8
8	302231	Tom Noddy (CD), L. Shedden, 5-8-5	E. Hide	4
13	231-030	Shenandoah, S. Hall, 4-7-7	E. Johnson	5
15	004041	Willow Walk (D), J. Calvert, 4-7-7	C. Eccleston	6
16	d00303-	Fixby Gold, M. H. Easterby, 4-7-7	B. Lee	7

2-1 Reformed Character, 4-1 Tom Noddy, 9-2 Live Arrow, 6-1 Shenandoah, 7-1 Wishing Star, 8-1 King's Equity, 12-1 others.

4.45 ASKHAM STAKES (£998: 1m)

1	140200	Grey Pegasus (D), R. Hollinshead, 4-9-8	I. Ives	2
3	000101	Always Faithful (D), C. Brittain, 3-8-13	R. Waters 7	4
4	000412	Gambela (D), W. Gray, 3-8-13	E. Apter	3
5	200010	Golden Pistol, P. Metcalfe, 3-8-13	J. Higgins	1
6	231200	Headin' Home (D), R. Houghton, 3-8-13	L. Piggott	6
7	041143	Patula (D), H. Wragg, 3-8-13	E. Johnson	5

9-4 Always Faithful, 11-4 Gambela, 7-2 Headin' Home, 9-2 Patula, 8-1 Grey Pegasus, 12-1 Golden Pistol.

* Doubtful runner.

York selections

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2.15 Giselle. 2.45 My Ginny. 3.15 Traquair. 3.45 Age of Consent. 4.15 Tom Noddy. 4.45 Gambela.

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2.15 Lilo. 2.45 My Ginny. 3.15 Long Row. 3.45 Miss Goldie. 4.15 Kings Equity. 4.45 Always Faithful.

Lingfield Park programme

2.0 DRYHILL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£488: 1m 2f)

103	004213	Sugar Moss (D), R. Smyth, 5-8-12	P. Cheese	3
104	012330	Ballad Singer (D), R. Akehurst, 4-8-2	M. Worrall 5	6
105	420000	Knockers (D), D. Marks, 5-8-0	D. Pugh	5
107	101020	Little Battalys (D), J. Hindley, 3-7-12	N. Crowther 5	7
108	[illegible]	Tiger Mask, A. Kerr, [illegible]	[illegible]	1
109	304000	Fnopp, R. Jarvis, 3-7-7	D. Berry 3	4
110	440000	Turlupin, W. Hern, 4-7-7	P. Robertson 3	2
112	0-00000	Club Talk, M. Goswell, 5-7-7	W. Burnell 5	8

5-2 Little Battalys, 7-2 Tiger Mask, 4-1 Sugar Moss, 13-2 Ballad Singer, 8-1 Fnopp, 12-1 Knockers, 16-1 Turlupin, 20-1 Club Talk.

2.30 EDENBRIDGE PLATE (Div I: 2-y-o: £552: 7f)

201	31	Red Regent (D), P. Walwyn, 9-3	P. Eddery	1
204	033024	Ancon, G. Harwood, 8-11	J. Lindley	3
207	000	Bonjour Matelot, G. Woodman, 8-11	J. Matthias 5	9
208	0	Crime Buster, B. Hobbs, 8-11	G. Baxter	3
211	0	Fatherland, B. van Cutsem, 8-11	W. Carson	4
219	000300	Prince Tudor, D. Whelan, 8-11	B. Rouse	6
225	0	Top Level, N. Callaghan, 8-11	—	11
230		Cashive, J. Gosling, 8-8	B. Raymond	8
238	000	Tender Mercy, B. Hobbs, 8-8	G. Lewis	2
239	0	Work to Rule, P. Makin, 8-8	A. Murray	12
244		Atop, G. Smyth, 8-4	N. Cook 7	10
246		Packet, W. Hern, 8-4	J. Mercer	7

Evens Red Regent, 9-2 Ancon, 11-2 Packet, 8-1 Fatherland, 10-1 Crime Buster, Top Level, 16-1 others.

3.0 BURSTOW HANDICAP (£899: 1m 4f)

302	210404	Clandestino (D), D. Sasse, 5-9-5	A. Barclay	5
303	041123	Prince Poona (D), H. Price, 5-8-10	A. Murray	1
304	020001	King Midas, T. Darling, 4-8-10	G. Duffield	9
306	122134	Tudor Crown (C), J. Hindley, 3-8-6	A. Kimberley	10
307	431040	Boardroom (CD), S. Supple, 5-8-5	W. Carson	3
309	0-00130	Young Nicky, P. Ashworth, 3-7-12	A. Bond 5	4
310	410001	*Monsieur L'Avocat (D), J. Winter, 3-7-10	—	7
311	0104	No Halo (CD), A. Budgett, 3-7-8	D. Cullen	6
313	000030	Benroy, A. Breasley, 3-7-7	T. Carter	8
314	400004	Seura (CD), A. Neaves, 6-7-7	—	2

9-4 Clandestino, 7-2 Prince Poona, 4-1 Tudor Crown, 13-2 King Midas, 8-1 No Halo, 12-1 Young Nicky, 16-1 others.

3.30 PLAXTOL PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £552: 5f)

405	00	Bridport, W. Wightman, 8-10	G. Rainshaw	2
406	*434*	*Chitose, I. Gosling, 8-10*	*P. Cook*	3
412	0	My Joanie, P. Ashworth, 8-10	A. Bond 3	6
414	300003	Royal Pat, D. Jermy, 8-10	J. Curant	5
416	0	Weeper's Star, T. Gosling, 8-10	B. Raymond	4
419		Kingston Reform, J. E. Sutcliffe, 8-6	W. Carson	7
422		Two Time Lady, H. Price, 8-6	A. Murray	1

9-4 Two Time Lady, 3-1 Chitose, 5-1 Kingston Reform, 7-1 Royal Pat, 8-1 Bridport, 12-1 others.

4.0 ROOKS NEST NURSERY HANDICAP (£759: 6f)

502	012200	Fairy Song, I. Balding, 8-9	J. Matthias	5
506	002	Willow Song, B. van Cutsem, 7-12	W. Carson	7
508	00121	Wong Way Girl (CD), R. Akehurst, 7-10	R. Fox 7	6
510	400	Church Bay, H. Price, 7-8	A. Bond 5	8
513	001	Flying Dice (D), H. Candy, 7-5	D. Cullen	5
514	3d400	Red Ambion, Miss Sinclair, 7-4	C. Rodrigues 7	4
515	02220	Fighting Brave, G. Harwood, 7-3	D. McKay	1
516	0030	Kloten, B. Wise, 7-1	R. Ferguson	3

11-4 Flying Dice, 7-2 Wong Way Girl, 9-2 Willow Song, 6-1 Fighting Brave, 8-1 Fairy Song, 12-1 Church Bay, 14-1 others.

4.30 OXTED STAKES (3-y-o: £648: 1m 2f)

602	0-00211	Petwood (D), R. Jarvis, 9-2	E. Eldin	15
603	030041	Badessa, W. Wightman, 8-13	P. Cook	3
604	004301	Krafty Kate (D), D. Whelan, 8-13	A. Bond 5	1
605	042303	Bustling, Mrs Nagle, 8-11	A. Murray	6
607	00-0002	Computex, C. Bewicke, 8-11	J. Reid 5	5
608	0000-0	Don Paco, R. Akehurst, 8-11	M. Worrall 7	2
609	3-23	The Dunce, B. van Cutsem, 8-11	W. Carson	8
610	004	Glitter God, M. Jarvis, 8-11	B. Raymond	7
612	0-02	Le Bal Musette, J. Clayton, 8-11	P. Eddery	11
614	0002-00	Somerset, G. Balding, 8-11	J. Curant	9
615	000000	Bona Fide, S. Supple, 8-8	T. Bridge 7	13
618	040-040	Gipsy Mine, P. Smyth, 8-8	G. Duffield	12
619	000420	Loot, S. Woodman, 8-8	J. Matthias 5	10
620	000034	Modom, W. Wightman, 8-8	D. Cullen	4
622	300040	Wood Glade, C. Benstead, 8-8	B. Rouse	14

7-2 The Dunce, 4-1 Petwood, 5-1 Le Bal Musette, 6-1 Badessa, Glitter God, 10-1 Krafty Kate, 12-1 Bustling, Loot, 14-1 others.

5.0 EDENBRIDGE PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £552: 7f)

5	00	Big Venture, D. Sasse, 8-11	A. Barclay	9
9	000	Crimson Glove, H. Candy, 8-11	D. Cullen	7
12	0000	Gipsy Bloom, P. Ashworth, 8-11	G. Ramshaw	1
13	02	Hilarious, P. Walwyn, 8-11	P. Eddery	4
16	000	John MacNab, G. Smyth, 8-11	G. Starkey	10
20	0	Royal Fanfare, H. Price, 8-11	A. Murray	3
22	02	So They Say, C. Benstead, 8-11	B. Rouse	8
28	0000	Anchovy Toast, R. Jarvis, 8-8	E. Eldin	6
32	0000	Elope, B. Hobbs, 8-8	G. Lewis	5
34	403404	Haunting, W. Wightman, 8-8	D. Maitland	11
43		Greek Monarch, R. Vibert, 8-7	M. Kettle	12
47		Willings Hope, C. Mitchell, 8-4	T. Carter	2

10-11 Hilarious, 11-2 So They Say, 8-1 Haunting, John MacNab, 10-1 Crimson Glove, 12-1 Big Venture, Royal Fanfare, 20-1 others.

Lingfield Park selections

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2.0 Sugar Moss. 2.30 RED REGENT is specially recommended. 3.0 Prince Poona. 3.30 Chitose. 4.0 Flying Dice. 4.30 The Dunce. 5.0 Hilarious.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Little Battalys. 3.0 Tudor Crown. 4.0 Willow Song. 4.30 The Dunce.

Cheltenham NH programme

2.0 GOTHERINGTON HURDLE (Div I: £340: 2m 200yds)

2	u34f-1	Waltz, F. Cundell, 7-11-10	B. R. Davies
3	00f-0	*Blabbermouth, M. McCourt, 5-11-5	—
4		Drumhead, P. Walwyn, 5-11-5	W. Smith
5	00300-	Fine Finish, H. Nicholson, 5-11-5	J. Hughes 7
6	2f0240-	Fisher's Mite, D. Nicholson, 6-11-5	J. Suthern
7	3	Kyanite, J. O'Donoghue, 5-11-5	P. Buller 7
8	p	Roman Harp, R. Faulkner, 6-11-5	Mr R. Faulkner 5
11	p-04302	Shavington, Miss Sherrington, 6-11-5	L. Astbury
12	f242-30	Shining Heights, L. Kennard, 5-11-5	A. Andrews 5
13	2u03-	Taramoss, J. Gifford, 5-11-5	R. Champion
14	002-1	Wells Fargo, C. Bewicke, 4-11-5	J. King
15	00-0	Beau Hawke, A. Dickinson, 4-11-0	M. Dickinson
17	040-	Dawn Breaker, C. Davies, 4-11-0	M. Salamon
18		Great Night, V. Bishop, 4-11-0	Mr S. Parkyn 3
19		Just Gold, F. Rimell, 4-11-0	—
20	400330-	Miss Poker Face, R. Turnell, 4-11-0	A. Turnell
21	30-	Quickapenny, E. Courage, 4-11-0	D. Sunderland
22		Skybound, K. Bailey, 4-11-0	H. Evans
23	0	Telegraphy, S. Mellor, 4-11-0	J. Glover
31	403-0	Traveller's Cheque, S. Wright, 4-11-0	R. Dickin 5

3-1 Waltz, 5-1 Wells Fargo, 7-1 Shavington, Kyanite, 10-1 Shining Heights, Taramoss, 12-1 Fisher's Mite, Just Gold, 14-1 Traveller's Cheque, Telegraphy, 20-1 others.

2.30 NOTGROVE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £671: 2½m)

1	2f21f-4	Tuscan Prince (D), R. Armytage, 10-11-8	Lord Oaksey
2	1f010-	Eyncatcher (CD), J. Bosley, 8-11-6	Mr S. Parkyn 3
3	1041f-p	Goldfinder (D), D. Nugent, 8-11-5	Mr A. Wilson
4	413224-	Holly Park, Miss Crooks, 6-10-8	Mr P. Greenall 5
5	f42-322	Frodo (D), G. Balding, 8-10-8	Mr R. Linley
6	0042-04	Evening Witness, T. Healey, 9-10-8	Mr N. Brookes 7
7	43400-1	Red Rohan (C), F. Winter, 8-10-7	Mr S. Stanhope
8	300pf0-	Dunno (CD), N. Mitchell, 10-10-1	Mr N. Mitchell 7
9	10-0	Eyton Choice (CD), R. Murphy, 10-10-0	Mr W. Jenks 5
10	2p002-3	Tudor Abbe, J. S. Turner, 9-10-0	Mr T. Garton 7
11	pp304-0	West Sands, J. Clark, 7-10-0	Mr J. Kerly 7
12	000-0p4	Wily Willie, W. Taylor, 9-10-0	Mr G. Jones 7
13	f44	Ecu, N. Bishop, 8-10-0	Mr A. Bosley 7

9-4 Red Rohan, 7-2 Frodo, 5-1 Tuscan Prince, 8-1 Eyncatcher, Goldfinder, 10-1 Tudor Abbe, Holly Park, 14-1 Ecu, Evening Witness, 20-1 others.

3.0 DEERHURST HURDLE (Handicap: £612: 3m)

1	100-110	Mac's Birthday, F. Gorman, 7-12-0	N. Wakley
2	p1310-p	Orosio, P. Cundell, 7-11-9	R. Champion
3	403201-	Eric (C), V. Cross, 7-11-8	F. McKenna 3
4	b02411-	Kastrup (CD), D. Barons, 7-11-7	D. Cartwright
5	11303-0	Magic Mountain, F. Walwyn, 5-11-5	W. Smith
6	000-	Indian Red (D), M. Marsh, 9-10-10	M. Gifford
7	32-	Echo Sounder, H. Payne, 7-10-10	N. Flanagan 3
8	1010-40	Saffron Cake (D), L. Kennard, 5-10-6	S. Taylor
9	42200-1	Garden Boy, P. Bailey, 8-10-5	J. King
10	03120-1	Modigliani, F. Cundell, 5-10-5	B. R. Davies
11	33112-0	Glenshoon, W. Whiston, 7-10-3	R. T. Davies
13	0-11120	Rolyat (CD), G. Balding, 3-10-1	R. Bailey
14	3-022	Croftamie, G. Balding, 6-10-0	J. Fox 3
15	00-1343	Killagurteen, W. Fisher, 6-10-0	M. Wagner
17	0000f-0	Regal Isle, W. Charles, 6-10-0	J. Francome
18	10003-0	Carlitos, C. Davies, 5-10-0	M. Salaman
19	23-3210	Bud (D), M. James, 7-10-0	R. Evans
20	210-f03	The Songwriter, J. Gibson, 5-10-0	N. Gibson
21	10-	Stepherion (C), S. Matthews, 13-10-0	R. Atkins
22	40223-2	Woodvale, D. Holland, 4-10-0	S. Holland
23	0f00-0	Drakes Formula, S. Matthews, 7-10-0	—
24	0004-00	Platanus, D. Dale, 5-10-0	K. White

4-1 Garden Boy, Modigliani, 11-2 Rolyat, Croftamie, 7-1 Killagurteen, Mac's Birthday, 10-1 Eric, Orosio, Magic Mountain, 12-1 Kastrup, 14-1 Glenshoon, Bud, 16-1 Saffron Cake, Woodvale, 20-1 others.

3.30 LYDNEY STEEPLECHASE (£340: 2m)

1	111f-f1	Go-Over (D), J. Thorne, 6-11-12	R. Morgan 7
3	033-112	Cingalese, G. Bach, 5-11-8	B. McNally 7
4	24000-1	Colonius (D), F. Walwyn, 5-11-8	W. Smith
5	0f	Bramble Boy, J. Webber, 7-11-7	A. Webber
6	p-	Forerunner, J. Gilbert, 7-11-7	P. Mangan
7	04f	Gay Kempley, R. E. Peacock, 7-11-7	R. Crank
9	4-30030	Gypseacloud, T. Healey, 7-11-7	Mr N. Brookes 7
11		Ned Curtis, W. Lowe, 8-11-7	R. Evans
13	02f032-	Picton, E. Jones, 6-11-7	D. Cartwright
15	0040-0	Silver Rocket, J. O'Donoghue, 7-11-7	C. Goldsworthy
16	21202-0	Palsboy, Thomson Jones, 5-11-5	D. Mould
17	112400-	Rosslare, R. Turnell, 5-11-5	A. Turnell
18	101141-	Santon Brig, A. Dickinson, 5-11-5	M. Dickinson
19	1p033-2	Silver Delight, F. Cundell, 5-11-5	B. R. Davies

3-1 Colonius, 4-1 Go-Over, 11-2 Cingalese, Santon Brig, 7-1 Silver Delight, Rosslare, 10-1 Picton, 12-1 Palsboy, 14-1 Silver Rocket, 20-1 others.

4.0 CIRENCESTER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £581: 3m 1f)

1	001p02-	Royal Toss (D), H. Handel, 12-11-12	Mr M. Reeves 5
2	11-4321	Fort Lodge (D), P. Tylor, 9-11-9	N. Wakley
3	314020-	Prophecy (CD), D. Barons, 11-11-8	S. May 5
4	000p0-3	Roman Holiday, C. Bewicke, 10-11-6	J. King
5	21uf0-p	Francophile, C. McNally, 9-11-5	R. Pitman

2-1 Fort Lodge, 5-2 Roman Holiday, 4-1 Royal Toss, 6-1 Prophecy, 15-2 Francophile.

4.30 GOTHERINGTON HURDLE (Div II: £340: 2m 200yd)

1	000fp-1	Four By Two, G. Balding, 6-11-10	J. Haine
2	000-1	Harry Zephyr, I. Dudgeon, 5-11-10	D. O'Donovan
3	400-031	Zarawyn (C), A. Jarvis, 5-11-10	S. Taylor
4	0000-01	Croome, D. Barons, 4-11-5	S. May 5
5	0-	Exhibit B, F. Walwyn, 5-11-5	—
8		Great, F. Cundell, 5-11-5	B. R. Davies
9	03-	Greek Ancestor, Thomson Jones, 5-11-5	D. Mould
10	00-	Indium, H. Handel, 5-11-5	Mr M. Reeves 5
13		Portway Tony, J. Perrett, 5-11-5	D. Cartwright
14	0	Safe Orbit, A. Davison, 5-11-5	R. Atkins
16	3-	Spring Vision, D. Gandolfo, 6-11-5	W. Shoemark
20	f	Up Jenkins, J. Long, 6-11-5	Mr R. Heathcote 7
21	00-	Another Venture, F. Rimell, 4-11-0	K. White
23	43-0400	Brief Affair, L. Kennard, 4-11-0	A. Andrews 3
24	0-	Buckingham, R. Turnell, 4-11-0	A. Turnell
25		Jimmy One, S. Matthews, 4-11-0	P. Kelleway
26	0	Semi Colon, E. Courage, 4-11-0	D. Sunderland
27	n40-00	Tom, D. Barons, 4-11-0	V. Soane
28	0443-2	Yasou, P. Cundell, 4-11-0	R. Pitman

5-2 Yasou, 4-1 Croome, Four By Two, 5-1 Zarawyn, Harry Zephyr, 10-1 Greek Ancestor, 14-1 Tom, Buckingham, 20-1 others.

*Doubtful runner.

Cheltenham NH selections

2.0 Shavington. 2.30 Tuscan Prince. 3.0 Modigliani. 3.30 Colonius. 4.0 Roman Holiday. 4.30 Four By Two.

York results

2.15 (2.19) AINSTY SELLING STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £970: 6f)

Blue Touch, ch c, by Skymaster—Oriental Touch (Mr T. Midgley), 8-8 R. Connorton (7-1) 1
Abervine, ch c, by Divine Gift—Rogan Honey (Mr P. Dyson), 8-8 .... E. Hide (9-2 fav) 2
Had On, ch f, by Decoy Boy—Fast Hold (Mr E. Smith), 8-5 T. Durr (10-1) 3

Also Ran: 11-2 Flying Grace, 10-1 Smokey Clown (4th), Mister Chicken, 12-1 Crocume, 16-1 Royal Feast, 20-1 Carradine, Quick Flash, Rust Borough, Careless Hands, Lunar Bell, Scarlet Tears. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 22p, 21p, 22p. J. W. Watts, at Richmond, Yorkshire. 2l, 1½l. 1min 22.78sec.

There was no bid for the winner.

2.45 (2.48) MIDDLEHAM NURSERY HANDICAP (£971: 1m)

Liebeslied, b f, by Dike—Opening Chorus (Mr R. Bonnycastle), 7-9 W. Carson (12-1) 1
Congenial, b c, by Alcide—My Jean (Mr W. Steels), 7-0 S. Salmon (10-1) 2
Snow Tribe, b f, by Great Nephew—Cold Storage (Mr N. Hetherton), 8-0 .... E. Hide (17-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Noble Bay, 3-1 James Joker (4th), 11-2 Cupids Cave, 11-1 Marchuna, 12-1 Mitbal, 16-1 Sporting Shot, 20-1 Histapel. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.45; places, 65p, 35p, 28p; dual forecast, £5.05. B. Hills, at Lambourn. 1½l, ½l. 1min 48.21sec.

3.15 (3.16) CESAREWITCH TRIAL HANDICAP (£966: 2m)

Man Alive, gr g, by Falcon—Twinkletoes (Mr H. Pritchett), 3-7-7 E. Johnson (100-30 fav) 1
Japello, ch c, by Crepello—Jahanna (Mr C. Karpidas), 3-8-6 P. Eddery (11-2) 2
Rufford, b c, by Alcide—Ofra (Mr C. Moores), 3-7-0 S. Webster (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Mr McMandy, 9-2 Braemar (4th), 6-1 Asset, 25-1 Paddy McGredy. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 17p, 28p; dual forecast, 81p. W. Hall, at Tadcaster. 3l, ½l. 3min 32.51sec.

3.45 (3.49) BRAMHAM MOOR STAKES (2-y-o: £1,050: 5f)

Doubt Me Not, ch f, by Lucky Mel—Don't Doubt Me (Mr E. Johnston), 8-11 .. P. Eddery (11-2) 1
Courting Day, gr f, by Right Boy—Sunday Out (Mr C. Wilmot-Smith), 8-11 .. E. Apter (11-2) 2
Fearless Boy, ch c, by Yellow God—Madam Clare (Mr D. Robinson), 9-0 J. Seagrave (5-2 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Dutch May (4th), 10-1 Golden Aim, Murmur, 11-1 Taj Mahal, 12-1 Fixed Target, 14-1 Neverfire, 20-1 Jamie Boy, 50-1 Royal Bride, Cessy. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 17p, 16p, 14p. H. Wragg, at Newmarket. 1½l, 3l. 1min 7.12sec.

4.15 (4.16) MIDDLETHORPE STAKES (3-y-o: £1,105: 1m 6f)

Great Guns, b f, by Busted—Sybil (Mr L. Freedman), 9-0 P. Eddery (8-11 fav) 1
Ballito, b f, by Baldric II—Toe the Line (Mr J. Fisher), 9-0 P. Tulk (11-2) 2
Hopeful Subject, b f, by Mandamus—Wait Now (Mrs J. Shaw), 8-11 B. Connorton (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Antonius, 9-1 Silver Strand (4th), 33-1 Mangal Om. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win: 19p; places, 12p, 17p; *forecast, 56p.* P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 1l, 5l. 3min 25.35sec.

4.45 (4.51) YORK APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£974: 1m)

Sky Bonnet, ch f, by Sky Gipsy—Mad Cap II (Mrs G. Trotter), 3-7-0 .... P. Carr (14-1) 1
Sergeant Rose, b c, by Floribunda—Humble Bee (Mr J. Fisher), 3-8-10 .... T. Whelan (4-1 fav) 2
Kayandjay, b f, by Midsummer Night II—Doris May (Mr K. Daynes), 3-8-0 .... M. Bray (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Shieldfield, 5-1 Dance All Night, 7-1 Gold Loom, 10-1 My Story (4th), 11-1 Sally Jane, 33-1 Grey Aglow, Senciel. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.21; places, 32p, 18p, 20p; dual forecast, £2.80. J. W. Watts, at Richmond, Yorks. ¾l, ¾l. 1min 51.09sec.

5.15 AINSTY SELLING STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £968: 6f)

Turkey Trot, b g, by Great Heron—Solar Song (Mr H. Moss), 8-8 A. Kimberley (5-2 fav) 1
Smile Please, ch f, by Be Friendly—Petal (Mrs A. Sutton), 8-5 E. Hide (11-1) 2
Pinza Again, ch c, by Bilsborrow—Hyper Rose (Mr J. Davis), 8-8 P. Eddery (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Look North, 6-1 Manzoni (4th), 9-1 Melody Lace, [illegible] Crowd Pleaser, Havagluss, 20-1 Skyman, Court Double, Goldmine, Solar Crescent. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 14p, 27p, 17p. J. Hindley, Newmarket. 2½l, 1½l. 1min 23.10sec. Misty Belle did not run. The winner was sold to Mr S. Wainwright for 1,075 guineas.

TOTE DOUBLE: Man Alive and Great Guns, £3.10. TREBLE: Liebeslied, Doubt Me Not and Sky Bonnet, £27.95.

Cheltenham N.H.

2.0.—1, Quackatory, 16-1; 2, Near and Far, 4-1; 3, Crazy Guy, 7-1. 11 ran.

2.30.—1, Bramblestown, 8-1; 2, Spanish Steps, 12-1; 3, Well Oiled, 9-4 fav. 8 ran.

3.0.—1, Apple Of My Eye, 5-1; 2, Ibn El Harrem, 13-1; 3, Charlie Mouse, 9-2 jt fav. 16 ran. Power Play did not run.

3.30.—1, Royal Romance, 7-2 fav; 2, Lot One, 16-1; 3, Snoopy, 5-1. 13 ran. On Wyndermere did not run.

4.0.—1, Iceman, 12-1; 2, Pine Lodge, 9-4 fav; 3, Estoila, 7-1. 10 ran.

4.30.—1, Sea Fern, 9-2 fav; 2, El Menino, 8-1; 3, Just Because, 15-2. 18 ran.

The Great Clark Boom

Another Part of the Wood

By Kenneth Clark

(*John Murray* £4.75)

"I want to see that big head knocked about", muttered the housemaster as he allotted the aesthetic young Clark a dangerous place at the heart of the scrum. The sentiment might well have drawn sympathy and understanding a few years later from members of the Berenson household, and would certainly have been echoed by the staff of the National Gallery who locked Kenneth Clark out of his own Library in 1937. He had been appointed Director of the Gallery five years earlier at the astonishingly young age of 30. He was a phenomenon.

Three discoveries—that he was not a true scholar, that the bitching of specialists exhausted him, and that he wished above all to communicate his delight to as many people as possible—took him out into the great world; and one supreme social and intellectual quality has kept him there. He brought to the glamorous but conspiratorial world of galleries, committee-rooms and dinner-tables not a big head, but a formidably clear one. Without that, no charmed life stays charmed for ever, and clear-headedness is the quality that above all informs this immensely entertaining memoir.

Like all such exercises in selective revelation, *Another Part of the Wood* holds the attention as much by its retained mysteries as by its confessions. Lord Clark's account of his troubles at the National Gallery, for example, looks to me like a Dance of the Seven Veils in which each veil remains firmly glued in place, but for a more whole-hearted performance we shall doubtless have to wait for the work of a lucky biographer many years from now. One problem is that Clark kept no diaries and dislikes lengthy correspondence.

Another Part of the Wood is the most self-deprecating memoir I have read since Graham Greene's *A Sort of Life* (1971) and even if the deprecating is done with a characteristically brisk Clarkian assurance, it is no less genuine for that.

At various points through the book he describes himself as "abnormally passive and conformist", "absolutely incapable of any collective activity", "prematurely self-controlled and defensive" and "exceptionally mean". If he won the school drawing prize each year he was at Winchester, that was because there was no serious competition; most of his work has been rushed and superficial (for, of course, he does regret, very much, leaving scholarship for the public world); he has never written his "great book" on art and the mind of man. But the passionate joy in, and renewal by, art remains as exhilarating as ever, likewise the riches of close family life with his wife Jane (some stunning early photographs here) and their three children. More of them, presumably, in the next volume; this one stops at the outbreak of war.

The hostesses fairly fell on K and Jane during the period he calls The Great Clark Boom, from 1932 to 1939. They were simply the brightest and best-looking couple around, and *Another Part of the Wood* is rich in deliciously dry tales of the monsters at work and play (was there a difference?)—Emerald Cunard, Sibyl Colefax, Philip Sassoon, Churchill, Chamberlain, George V and Edward VIII, Duveen and his packer Bert Boggis—all told with perfect brevity and wit. One example. Mrs Cunard's luncheon guests, who were generally discouraged from uttering more than two sentences consecutively in order that the conversation might "flow" and remain "brilliant", were discussing the resemblances between men and animals:

> *"What am I like?" asked Emerald. There was an uneasy silence during which we all tried to think of substitutes for the word "parakeet". Golden Pheasant? No, too bright. Bird of paradise? Too obvious. I was just about to say "Lady Amherst's pheasant" (which is indeed a most beautiful bird) when Archie Clarke Kerr, who had been, as usual, sunk in a kind of Taoist torpor, suddenly said "A fruit-eating bat", and immediately closed his eyes again.*

This book is often funny and sometimes—in Lord Clark's portraits of his rich and disreputable old father, of the painter Charles Sims, of Maurice Bowra, Charles Ricketts and the Head of Winchester Montague John Rendell—very moving. His extensive picture of the Master of I Tatti, where he helped for a time on the revised *Florentine Drawings*, is sympathetic but horrifying, and it is reassuring to see that Bowra and John Sparrow, whom K took there as visitors, hated Berenson's arrogance and neurotic thoughtlessness too.

A number of small mistakes could be easily corrected in the next edition: typographical errors in French, English and Italian, and two facts. The date of Hitler's "beer-hall" *putsch* was 1923, not 1929 (by the second date, he was, more alarmingly, accumulating a huge respectable vote which suits Lord Clark's context better, too): and *Ghosts* has not, so far as I am aware, been performed "at the National Theatre"; presumably the production at which K fainted, while sitting next to Dame Sybil Thorndike, was at the Aldwych seven years ago. The point was that he had fainted in exactly the same place when reading the play at Winchester as a boy, and that "the body had a better memory than the mind". Yes, a huge pity there will be no Clark Diaries.

At Bath, photographed by Herbert Lambert

Michael Ratcliffe

One great Prime Minister every 30 years

The Prime Ministers

Vol I: From Walpole to Peel Edited by Herbert van Thal
(*Allen & Unwin*, £6.95)

The obscure Prime Ministers of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries are obscure indeed. Familiar as Walpole, Chatham, Lord North or the younger Pitt may be, the Earl of Wilmington, the two Grenvilles or Viscount Goderich cannot be said to be on everybody's lips.

The most interesting of the Prime Ministers to read about are those in the middle group who are neither immensely obscure nor already well known. Burke's party leader, to whom he gave the political loyalty of his lifetime, was the Marquis of Rockingham. There is no satisfactory biography of him and the short essay by Paul Langford brings out weaknesses of which one was not aware.

Rockingham was "a notoriously poor parliamentary performer. During his first administration he spoke only twice and on each occasion merely because the taunts and jeers of his opponents compelled him to rise to his feet. In matters of policy he was irresolute, procrastinating and apparently incapable of initiative". It was around this dauntingly inadequate leader that Burke evolved the early development of his political theory, and he was not well rewarded for his loyalty.

The Earl of Shelburn is another figure who is always fascinating. Perhaps intellectually the most brilliant of all the eighteenth-century Prime Ministers, interested in new ideas and new knowledge, with a think-tank including men of the calibre of Priestley and Jeremy Bentham, he was distrusted and disliked by almost all the politicians who had to work with him. Frank O'Gorman goes so far as to say that "he was universally detested by his contemporaries".

In this point contemporary judgment is almost always correct. Posterity may not be able to understand quite why a man is hated but the contemporary judgment is not to be set aside. Another fascinating Prime Minister, the Earl of Bute, rings through from the eighteenth century because in his brief period of office and in his period of power before and after, he was more brutally attacked by more gifted satirists than any Prime Minister before or since. Lord Shelburn, perhaps justifying in Bute's case the universal dislike which he suffered, said that "his bottom was that of any Scotch nobleman, proud, aristocratical, pompous, imposing. . . . He was insolent and cowardly, at least the greatest political coward I ever knew". Yet Bute was a scholar and a scientist, certainly a highly intelligent man as well as a successful courtier.

Inevitably the detail and the quality of the essays on the Prime Ministers from Walpole to Peel varies somewhat arbitrarily. It is interesting at the time of a general election to reflect how rare great Prime Ministers are. In the 120 years of this first volume Walpole, Chatham, Pitt and Peel are the only four to qualify in the first rank not only as men but as Prime Ministers. That is an average of one great Prime Minister every 30 years. Perhaps in the twentieth century we have not done too badly.

William Rees-Mogg

Double header

Living Twice

By C. H. Rolph

(*Gollancz*, £4)

C. H. Rolph (or to give him the name whose suppression enabled him to live two lives—ex-Chief Inspector C. Hewitt of the City of London Police) has always been prepared to give respect only where it is due, but generously. He has an irreverent sense of humour and an irrepressible habit of speaking his mind, come what may.

His autobiography is, as one might expect, frank with no nonsense, covering a lot of experience and full of humour and humanity. Possibly it is only when one has lived through some of the times he describes that one gets the full flavour of his comments. Who, remembering the Old Bailey of the Thirties, could fail to relish his appraisal of the late Sir Ernest Wilde as "a poseur and a mountebank" (with the additional comment that Judge Jeffreys was also a Recorder of London)? But any reader will find the "poseur's" encounters with Maurice Healy, of blessed legal memory, happy reading.

The book's great virtue is its clarity. The result is a verbally illustrated social document of the century, beginning in childhood, as he remembers his first realization of injustice (at school) and the unknowing callousness of poor deaf Annie, his nurse, so kind to him and so unfeeling to a cripple. This lifelong hatred of injustice, cant and cruelty, has remained with him all his life.

The chronicle of his days in the City of London Police (including some pretty sharp criticisms of his chief) help in understanding the policeman's lot even today. Anyone who talks to the younger members of the force is necessarily aware that the old conservatism still inhibits the advance of the policeman into the Seventies. I think that if the ex-Chief Inspector were at the Old Bailey today, some of his criticisms would be gentler: a new race of judges, feet placed firmly on the ground (and sometimes before the kitchen sink off-duty!) would agree with many of them; but the police would still understand them from within.

Mr Rolph has moved from the company of the hounds to the salvation of the fox, about whom he has no illusions at all but whose welfare he passionately espouses, always provided the fox will mend his ways somewhat. There can be few reformers whose knowledge is derived from more direct sources. Under five editors of the *New Statesman* he has fought doughtily for causes he has espoused, humour always as a supplementary weapon.

Oh! to have been a fly on the wall during some of his differences of opinion with that lovable if exasperating personality, Kingsley Martin, whose progressive views so often condemned as reactionary those of other progressives. "Rows" most people would have called them. "Perhaps", says Mr Rolph, "it would be apter to call them solemn discussions conducted half an octave higher than usual", a remark which illuminates much of what this book contains.

Peta Fordham

Soldiers of the Queen

A Village in Chelsea

An informal account of the Royal Hospital

By David Ascoli

(*William Luscombe*, £3.50)

The sometimes stormy, sometimes stony relationship between the British citizen and his paid fighting-men reached its nadir less than a century ago when notices outside hostelries forbade entry to dogs and soldiers. And the degree of public respect or contempt for the Army then, as at most times during the past 300 years, could be gauged pretty accurately from attitudes to the "Chelsea Pensioners", the In-Pensioners of the Royal Hospital.

David Ascoli gives an evocative portrayal of these vacillations of public opinion, although if the sub-title were taken literally his book would be one of parochial appeal to old soldiers and Chelsea residents. In fact this is a first-class survey of the changing status of the regular soldier as well. Political and communal conditions that have helped to mould the British Army over the last three centuries necessarily come into perspective, and the author projects some fresh, intriguing facets of the *mores* of the period.

The In-Pensioners salute Charles II as their founder, yet they could probably give equal credit to Sir Stephen Fox, the Army's first Paymaster-General. There is no historical evidence to support the legend of Nell Gwyn's involvement, which is a pity since In-Pensioners are deprived of an excuse to grouse about "living in a royal brothel".

There has been corruption a-plenty at the Hospital, sometimes on a scale to excite envy and admiration in the North-East today. The outstanding villain and first plunderer—the first and, mercifully, the last Earl of Ranelagh—established a tradition of exploiting the Pensioners, which was to die hard. Yet honest high-level (if not divine) intervention occurred frequently enough to keep the Hospital somehow in existence until exposure and outcry ended the frightful venality.

Wherever old soldiers are gathered together there are escapades and gasconades and colourful stories. The wards have always housed a quota of "characters", and today's In-Pensioners remain a congregation of the flamboyant and the reticent, the hard drinkers and the abstemious, the storytellers and the listeners, the half-saints and quarter-sinners. Beyond that, one need not be a dewy-eyed romantic to recognize most of them as *gentlemen* of natural human dignity, slow to give or take offence, displaying the innate qualities that go with the one trade in which the professionals are happiest when not exercising it.

According to the author, the admission of Navy and Air Force pensioners to fill gaps in the ranks would be a mistake and could create problems. Why a mistake? What problems? The bald statement is not enough.

In the early chapters David Ascoli has a disconcerting habit of jumping about in time, but this is a minor blemish and he must be given a rouse for brilliant research, careful chronicling and a dashing narrative.

Laurence Cotterell

Books next week: reviews will include Richard Holmes on the second volume of Sybille Bedford's life of Aldous Huxley; Susan Hill on new novels by Lawrence Durrell, P. G. Wodehouse and Brian Glanville, and Roy Lewis on Richard Hall's "Stanley: an Adventurer Explored".

Quick guide

The Strange Case of Alfred Hitchcock, or The Plain Man's Hitchcock, by Raymond Durgnat (Faber, £5.50). Few of even Mr Hitchcock's most solemn devotees would be likely to worry their heads overmuch about whether the trials undergone by the hero (Cary Grant) in that delectable nonsense adventure *North by Northwest* have given him "a profound spiritual experience" which will change his attitude to the world of Madison Avenue advertising from which he comes—let alone whether, if such a moral transformation has not been achieved, the film can be justified as a *bildungsroman*. But then this may be recognized as one of those bees Mr Durgnat tends to get in his bonnet. All his books on the cinema have them; they also all have pages of startling originality and percipience which make reading them worth while. This film-by-film guide to Hitchcock is no exception. But a plain man's Hitchcock? He has to be kidding.

New Ceramics, edited by Eileen Lewenstein and Emmanuel Cooper (Studio Vista, £6.95), is the best survey of its kind to appear in recent years. Work from more than 30 countries and regions throughout the world is discussed by local specialists. The overriding impression is that there is virtually no such thing as a ceramic tradition among the present generation of studio potters, although emphasis is on the art object rather than domestic ware. The copious illustrations, in black and white and in colour, underline the view that in Britain at least there is no better aesthetic value for money than a piece of the best modern pottery.

Clio's vital statistics

Time on the Cross

Two volumes: The Economics of American Slavery; and Supplement: Evidence and Methods

By Robert William Fogel and Stanley L. Engerman

(*Wildwood House*, £4.25 & £5.50)

How free is "freedom"? In 1850 a black slave born in the American South had a life expectation of 36 years. In Manchester (or in New York), at the same date, the unenslaved worker could expect to live to 24. As Fogel and Engerman point out, in this most interesting book, the whip hurt slaves but did not usually kill; nor was slave food bad. To be laid off, in the early industrial city, did kill: off the premises, a worker was no responsibility of the mill owner. If the slave was never free of his master, nor was the master ever free of the slave. After the civil war slaves were "free" but they were in many ways worse off. The abolitionists released them not only into "freedom" but also on to a free market.

Time on the Cross is like an inversion of *marxisant* defences of the lack of western-style freedom in Mao's China: just think of the gain in nutrition. But its authors are by no means marxists. They are "cliometricians"—American economic historians who use detailed statistical techniques to make their points. The detail is so great that, like a government report, the book comes in two volumes. The first is prose; the second is an eye-boggling battery of equations. Clio's vital statistics are thus, for the non-mathematician, still somewhat veiled in the decent obscurity of algebra.

But what is revealed is remarkable enough. The central point is the continued strength of slavery as an economic institution in the American South, even in the nineteenth century. Without morally motivated attack, it could have survived.

The United States slave population had grown largely by natural increase. (In the Caribbean, worse care and a worse climate made importation more crucial.) In 1860 more black Americans, proportionately, were native-born than whites. Slaves tended to be housed no worse than the free working population. Families were not usually split up (at least on Fogel and Engerman's figures). The masters did even better, however. The plantation system of forced-labour gang-work squeezed high profit out of slaves. When the abolitionists added to their ethical attack, the characteristic profit=morals allegation that slavery was also inefficient, they were wrong. Economically, it worked well.

Fogel and Engerman's argument, of course, is all averages. Just as this will cover "inefficiency" here and there, it also conceals brutality. Efficiency, too, is a criterion of limited value in *judging* slavery. Slavery was wrong because it was wrong, not because it left owners of blacks in the red.

Hot after cliometric paradox, the authors do not always take this point. They go so far as to accuse abolitionists of helping to build a stereotype of lazy black labour, by emphasizing the supposed unprofitability. Yet any hanging-back was surely justified. *Time on the Cross* itself demonstrates that the profit came from the forced nature of the work. It was like the "profit" squeezed out of Poles in the factories of Speer, Krupp and Hitler, Inc; or out of Stalin's enemies in the Gulag Archipelago. When slavery ended, 100 per cent pay rises were not enough to tempt blacks back to gang-work.

Economics—as both cliometricians and cutprice marxists need to remember—is not everything. Let me end, therefore, with a harsh example.

Fogel and Engerman demonstrate elaborately that it was bad business, and not necessary for white owners and overseers to exploit black women sexually. They headcount "mulattoes", to back their conclusion. Yet they run up against the paradox (their word) that owners gave pregnant female slaves better care than free women got: the low maternal death rate shows this. But they looked after the offspring badly: hence a high death rate among infants.

This is a paradox to Fogel and Engerman because it is economically illogical. To me, it sounds as if slave owners were more interested in keeping a sexual expedient alive than in perpetuating the flesh-and-blood evidence.

That isn't economics. But it is this meaning of slavery which, in grandchildren's bitter recollection, gives bite to such books as Malcolm X's *Autobiography*, George Jackson's prison letters or Calvin Hernton's *Sex and Racism*. Fogel and Engerman miss this out of their graphs.

But even in deploring something, it is as well to know [illegible] exact, not its reputed, characteristics where you can, and they are good at this.

Paul Barker

Paul Barker is editor of "New Society".

A governing class

County and Court

Government and Politics in Norfolk, 1558-1603.

By A. Hassell Smith

(*Clarendon Press*, £8.50)

"I tell thee thou liest; thou liest and liest in thy throat", wrote one English country gentleman to another in the late sixteenth century. "And I do by this my letter challenge thee as a lieing knight . . . meet me . . . either at Flushing or Middleburgh, there to run three courses with a sharp lance . . . If filthy fear causeth thee to refuse this, then serve with me on horseback or foot in three services . . . But if thou shalt refuse . . . then I will secretly repute thee, and openly emblazon thee, as a dunghill spirited man."

This exchange of pleasantries formed part of the Norfolk scene; and Dr Hassell Smith has admirably recaptured the sights and sounds of a vigorous, independent-spirited society. More especially we see a governing class in action as justices of the peace, sheriffs, deputy lieutenants concerned with the problems of internal peace and welfare, the social services, taxation, religion and, above all, with safeguarding their personal prestige in the county. We are witnessing in fact an internal struggle for power characteristic of provincial England; and, guided by Dr Smith, we see it passing through three crucial phases.

During the first the county was dominated by the Duke of Norfolk, cousin of the Queen, and the most powerful magnate in Elizabethan England. Most patronage in the shire derived from *him*, faction was damped down and he once boasted that he was more powerful in his bowling alley in Norwich than was Mary Stuart in Scotland. He was less lucky in other ways. He lost in succession three wives in childbirth and—a political innocent in spite of his power—he got entangled in a plot against the Queen and was executed in 1572.

His fall created a power vacuum which the Norfolk gentry sought to fill, each family or faction aiming at the dominant role in the county. Able men pushed themselves forward, some public spirited like Nicholas Bacon, cousin of the philosopher, others like Arthur Heveningham, greedy for wealth and power, and ruthless in its exercise. We have been inclined lately to diminish the importance of the famous Shakespearian passage, "Take but degree away . . ." but degree, social standing, not only in comparison with lesser folk but within the governing class itself aroused fierce passions. Faction pulled strings in the county and at Court: hence people were dropped as justices, restored and dropped again, according to who had access to influence. And all manner of people were dragged in as camp followers of faction, including the luckless Bishop of Norwich, a weak and troubled man; to his other worries he added a domineering wife, of whom local gossip said "Whatsoever Mrs Freake will have done the Bishop must and will accomplish . . . If he did not . . . she would make him weary of his life."

In the final phase, coinciding with the last decade of the reign, faction became merged with principle. We are witnessing the evolution of county opposition to the pressures of the central government, an opposition led by men who dimly sensed and foreshadowed the gathering conflicts of the next reign. (It has always been in the nature of politicians in this country, but not in the United States, to underestimate the strength of regional feeling until it almost engulfs them: here is one more example.)

In the early chapters we sometimes tire, before Dr Smith does, of the personal squabbles; and there is also some repetition. But his conclusions should be in the hands of every student of the history and literature of the period.

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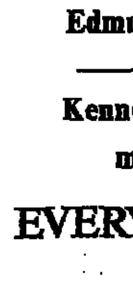

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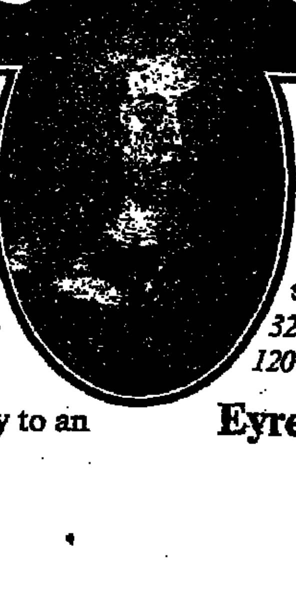

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BOOKS/TWO

Fiction

In Their Wisdom

By C. P. Snow

(Macmillan, £2.95)

The Gaudy

By J. I. M. Stewart

(Gollancz, £2.80)

"Yes—oh dear yes—the novel ells a story", groaned E. M. Forster, wishing it were not o. Most serious novelists robably share his weariness vith the necessity to invent a lot, a vehicle in which to lace their characters, or in vhich to trundle through the andscape of ideas which is the eal reason for their writing at ll. Some contemporary novelists puncture all tyres, and orce their readers to plod. Though C. P. Snow and J. I. M. Stewart, almost exact con-emporaries, seem to show some npatience with plot in their ew novels (which are in the ain displays of characterization), they do not go that far.

Both books derive some aterial from their authors' ves: Mr Stewart's narrator, uncan Pattullo, is a Scot, eturning to Oxford for a eunion, and offered a Readerhip there—which, one guesses, e will accept, and which will rovide the author with a still oint about which to revolve e four linked novels which e to follow *The Gaudy*. Lord now's book is "about" the ontesting of a will; but is set rgely in and around the ouse of Lords, and is as uch about the desuetude of olitical life, the loss of style", as about the contest.

There (as one would expect d hope) the resemblance be-een the two writers ends. rd Snow is less a story-teller an an investigator of character: the plot of *In Their Wisdom* serves well enough to draw the characters together in a pavane; but one's real interest is in the slow layering of character, the disposition of a large cast on-stage (for he is a natural dramatist, though not a playwright). Freedom from the people and settings of the long *Strangers and Brothers* sequence has brought its rewards; these new characters are almost without exception four-square and solid: the machinating Swaffield, a rich man with an insatiable appetite for manipulation, is one of Lord Snow's most vivid inventions. The set-pieces are of greater and lesser effectiveness, of course; two at least are brilliantly brought off—a meeting of two elderly, dying peers in stoic confrontation of their fate, and a brain operation.

The Gaudy has a number of sub-plots rather than *a* plot: an undergraduate, the son of a newly appointed cabinet minister, is suspected of rape; another commits suicide; Pattullo meets a former love, now married to an early rival of his. Though in his other persona, as Michael Innes, J. I. M. Stewart has obviously to be much concerned with plot, in this novel he seems to concentrate on scene-setting and the presentation of a set of characters who will presumably return in subsequent books. These are more obviously theatrical than Lord Snow's—sometimes a little caricatured, finding it difficult to avoid saying a good thing, tending to take up dramatic positions against set-pieces of landscape: The Long Field, the Provost's Luncheon Party, Mr Talbert's Tea. But there is marvellously good donnish dialogue, and some good comic scenes.

However, there is more to the book than that: the relationships between the generations are a major theme, and particularly well done.

Derek Parker

In brief

ıder Wedgery Down, by nest Raymond (Cassell, 85). It would be an ungrate- reader who, after Ernest ymond's long career, did not lcome his novel, completed t before his death earlier s year at 85. It returns to old theme of religion sus agnosticism: a young r in rural England in the ly 1900s has his simple faith troyed by a splendid eist. Not a theme we can ognize as immediate to our time, and the book lacks intensity, the period touch, truthfulness of characteriz-n which could bring it off a simple *tour de force*. Its od story" aspect is under-ıed by a lack of cerebral ghness, too: the "nobility" "saintliness" of the clergy unsupported by the evi-ce. But, alas, one is reading it in 1974; in 1920 it would have done well.

A Game of Patience, by Francis King (Hutchinson, £2.75). Set in the last months of the war in a small Surrey village now menaced, as never before, by the random attacks of V1 rockets, a small community waits for life to begin again when the war is over. Marion waits for her husband, who may be dead or a prisoner, and looks after her household of mother-in-law; nervy, asthmatic little son; land-girl Valerie, 17-year-old daughter of a well-known MP; and Roy, "conchie" and malicious trouble-maker. The strains on the various relationships are increased when the village is disturbed by a barrage balloon crew, noisy, brash, definitely lower class, bored and ready for mischief. Each nuance of life is recorded with care and affection. One day the barrage balloon crew pack up and leave and the novel quite simply stops. So did the war, one might say, but having entered the lives of the characters, such an ending is something of a disappointment.

Poetry

len has been dead a year. fronted with his posthumous *nk You, Fog* (Faber, £1.75) one wish this Mr W. H. all piness and his measure of nitie? Here are 19 poems an antimasque. Nothing is from the page with those hms which made him such ower when he was young. rywhere there is artful ochrome, consciously unam-ous irony, a setting for that t verse where his talent was iome. I won't disparage a nge achievement. In the last s of his life Auden made t verse bear a weight of usness. There is a sense in h he ended up writing ns like capers cut in et slippers, winking, artful, estic verse, made from an reness of the limitations of talent, and a moral insist- on the rules of the me" which is poetry. The st poems in *Thank You,* are a relief when seen ist the poe-faced visages of of his surviving contem-ries, still addicted to lan-e as magic.

ke the title piece. This rates his return to England America in 1972. In skilful bics (seven to the line) he omes differences between York smog and fog in the shire countryside at Christ-immuring him with friends manor-house. Birds sing e "whose blood/is brisk gh"), but mostly he praises dscape of bare trees con-ng the weather "to defi-lrops", while

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ıppose this is Austin on up-dated? All the same, udes and all, a poem like Thanksgiving"—in which mes and thanks the poets thers who formed him, not tting Hitler and Stalin wickedness "forced me nk about God"—is a not mptible coda to a life's

ald Davie, who has ted himself in California 1968, has recently shown mparable concern with shness. His collection *The* s (Routledge, £2.50) offers em about each of the sh counties. The book s me as tourism, with paying visits not merely obvious aspects of each but to the scenery of his alent. Every county gets a y accolade—although to n John Fowles for Dorset, William Barnes gets no on, seems worse than nable. The verse is slack erbyshire" looks like a t with octave and sestet, consists of rhymed couplets; a pepper of exclamation marks tries to do the job of feeling; photographs doctored to make silhouettes on the pages where the poems are printed cannot disguise the book's triviality. Davie's nostalgia has been ill-served by an attempt to try on Betjeman's old suits with none of Betjeman's panache.

Full of descriptions of places that have taken his fancy, Charles Tomlinson's *The Way In* (Oxford, £1.25) shows off a painter's eye—snow is seen as "a batter of ash and crystals", pylons in moonlight are "frigid lattices". Such observation is pretty, but this poet is forever trying to wring Deep Meaning from it and his verse splinters into fragments of philosophy. Someone once described Tomlinson as a glum fellow trying to learn how to play the flute. There's little joy to his perceptions. The same goes for Douglas Dunn, but then Dunn has no flautist ambitions, and his *Love or Nothing* (Faber, £1.25) brings together poems in a good, plain voice. I like "The White Poet", which shows there is still stuff to be learnt from Laforgue, and "Ars Poetica", a fantasy about typewriters writing poems on typewriters:

We are the Typewriter Muses, we
were bred
By W. C. Williams on Patience
Strong. . . .

Dunn is a witty poet, inclined to let wit shape a poem when inspiration dries up. David Black relies more upon fancy. *The Happy Crow* (Lines Editions: Macdonald, Edgefield Road, Midlothian, 80p) shows him digging away in his own weird mine of sin and philosophy, often discovering nothing more interesting than a few Zen tags; but it also has a splendid poem ("The Water-Lily") in praise of the riches of the depths of unknowing, a handful of lyrics with an original pulse, and a longish poem called "Melusine" that is remarkable.

Black is Scottish. His absence from *Made in Scotland*, edited by Robert Garioch (Carcanet, £2.50 & £1.25) is a serious omission in an anthology otherwise notable for good poems by Robin Fulton, Tom Buchan, and Paul Mills. Stewart Conn's *New Poems 1973-74* (Hutchinson, £2), the annual PEN anthology, is more coherent than volumes in this series usually are.

Finally, magazines. The anniversary issue of the *Quarterly Review of Literature* is a paperback book (26 Haslett Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey, £2), and testimony to the catholic but perceptive editorial judgment of Professor T. Weiss and his wife over the years since 1943. *Wallpaper* (11 Ascham Street, London, NW5, £1) is an avant-garde newcomer, full of sums and teasing stories, worth getting for a set of "Modern Sonnets" by the poet Anthony Howell.

Robert Nye

Shopping around

Sheila Black

● Elegant, understated style is missing from so many of today's clothes. There is little choice between the frankly dull or dowdy and the innovating, exciting designs that energize fashion but frighten off women of all ages.

Bernat Klein's catalogue features traditional British good taste invested with a dash of modernity in colour and fabric as well as styling. Timeless and ageless—flattering for most shapes, sizes and complexions—the range includes vibrant or subtle shades for the Scottish tweeds and worsteds for day plus clinging fabrics for hostess gowns.

This is mail order in the quality market, with prompt answers to questions, individual service, and that classic ingredient of the customer always being right.

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● There seems to be some emphasis on boating today, so I recommend old sea charts from Susanna Fisher, an historian who specialized in marine history at Greenwich and who married a keen sailor.

Susanna does about three lists of charts a year and her next one should be ready by the beginning of November, so she can start taking names for it now. The list covers a mixture of purely decorative charts—and they are decorative with old lettering and 'faded' colours—at about £5 upwards, ideal for framing: then goes right on through all price levels up to real collectors' charts at £100. Susanna will try to hunt down charts of particular places for people who have patience and money and she would be helpful with knowledge and advice if investment is the main motivation for buying. The lists are not illustrated but I should think sea chart enthusiasts know how they look. Susanna Fisher is at Spencer, Upham, Southampton and her telephone number is Durley, Hants, 291.

● Jack Holt reckons to supply everything for the small boat and its sailor. The range of boating accessories and clothing should help solve Christmas present problems for water enthusiasts.

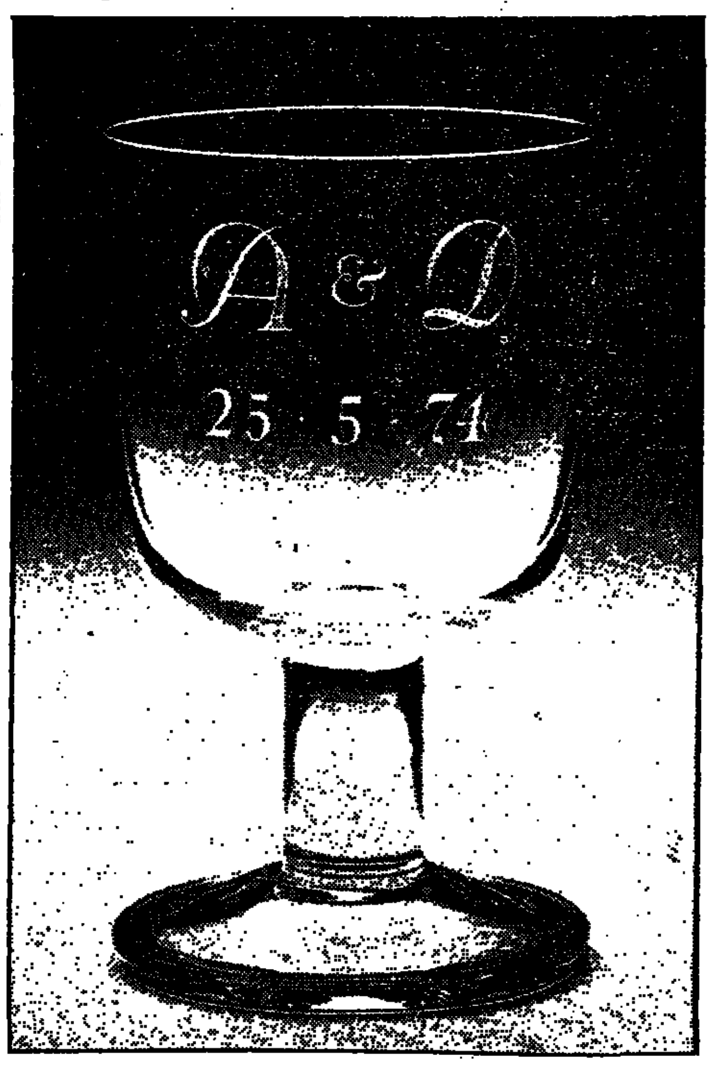
The thick catalogue of 96 pages covers a multitude of prices from ditty bags at 95p to fleece-lined, waterproof wet-suits at £29. Postage is included when you buy by mail if it is a small element in the total price but postage and/or carriage would obviously be charged on heavy or awkward orders. The catalogue costs 35p from Jack Holt's shop (open for personal shopping too), The Embankment (½-mile upstream from Putney Bridge on the south side of the Thames), London, SW15. The telephone number is 01-788 9255.

● The Boy Scouts sell by mail—not only uniforms but a host of useful adjuncts of the camping and outdoor life. There are two mail order catalogues. One is *Uniform, Trophies and Flags '74* and the other is *Camping and Outdoor Activities '74*. There is also a Book List. All three are free but please be understanding and do not order any you will not want as they cost so much to produce these days. The address is Scout Shops Limited, Churchill Industrial Estate, Lancing BN15 8UG, Sussex.

● If you own a boat and have always longed for an Electrolux electrically-operated, flushing loo, there are 45 of them—formerly demonstration models—being jobbed off at Buyers and Sellers of 120 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 (01-229 1947). Originally more than £100, they are now going to anyone who offers over £60 or thereabouts. Also available are non-electric flushing loos (from Electrolux) at £35. In stock now at this shop that sells seconds in domestic appliances are a lot of the smaller Electrolux refrigerators for calor gas at from around £33 according to condition, plus one or two electric models. Stock may have changed by the time you get there, so telephone first. B and S just takes what it can sell at discounts, shoves it all in the shop, with no attempt at display, and you forage.

● About eighteen months ago, I recommended some crystal glasses that could be initialled—they were in three or four shapes and engraved by Dent although sold through Barlow, the firm that does those named towels.

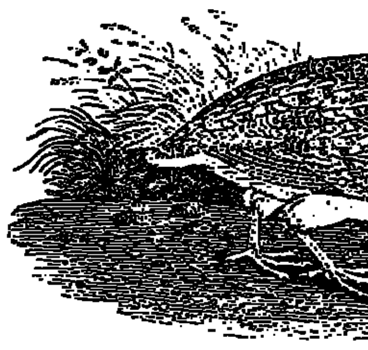
Dent is now doing its own thing under the guidance of its Heredities parent and sending out its own leaflets—a new one is ready any day now. It includes a whisky tumbler which works out at £3.45 with one initial. The goblets are Lune and Rawthey, traditional in shape but of different sizes at £6.40 and £5.80, with one initial only. Extra initials at 50p each and Zodiac signs at £1.75 extra. To get priority delivery within about three weeks, add another 95p. A new, fairly squat, rounded goblet of modern shape will be in the new leaflet. Special engraving orders can be undertaken—coat of arms, symbols, badges, emblems, etc. The address is Dent Glass, Risehill Mill, Dent, Sedbergh, West Riding of Yorkshire and personal callers are invited to the studio on Monday to Friday. Do not start comparing the prices with Mulberry Hall's Stuart Crystal, as the sizes and products are not comparable.



● A diagrammatic book on the maintenance and repair of bicycles should save both tempers and lives. I found it easy to follow and I'm no cyclist. Text and illustrations that cover 25 pages are taken from *The Reader's Digest Repair Manual*, and the book is published by Hodder, Causton of St. Pauls House, 8/12 Warwick Lane, London EC4. Hodder does not sell direct but retailers can order from them. The book is at many branches of W. H. Smith, some other large newsagents' shops and many bookshops. It costs 50p.

● It may not be massage but a rub-down with the Massage-Glove is stimulating. A toughish plastic glove has stiff nylon bristles on one side which are not as harsh as the bristles of a new nailbrush but not firm enough to make the flesh and skin glow. On the other side is a knurled plastic surface to soothe away local aches. The glove is really exhilarating but not drastic. In green, orange or red, it costs £1.80 plus 20p postage from Mailalot of 5 Penrhyn Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

● Good ideas are worth repeating; so, having repeated a recommendation of the truckles of delicious cheese from Chewton Farms, I am now returning to the subject of quail. I have been buying from Sprunks Farm because the birds are fresh and not frozen. If you have a freezer you can safely freeze them yourself, either whole and raw in bags or pre-cooked in your favourite sauce. They have a really subtle flavour and are best kept simple. Mrs Beeton roasts them. In Provence, they stuff them with bread soaked in milk—just enough to be absorbed. The moist bread has herbs beaten into it—parsley and a hint of shredded onion are good together, but even in Provence garlic is avoided as being too strong for these delicate birds.



Sauces should not be too strong or too spiced, so stick to butter, white wine or orange juice (lightly laced with lemon juice) as bases. Garnish with watercress, oranges, grapes or any mild fruits. These young birds are so tender that the only trap is overcooking them to dryness, or roasting too fast. They keep well, in sauces in a covered dish, to serve at delayed dinners or to give the hostess a chance to cook before guests arrive. They thaw fast from the freezer because of their small size and, for the same reason, can be cooked in a short time. Two make one good portion.

Compared with game and other gourmet meals, quail is far from expensive. Even against more mundane meats, it still looks pretty reasonable. They cost, including postage, £4.80 per dozen—add 40p a bird if ordering more, but a dozen is the minimum order. The address is Nigel D. Mizen, Sprunks Farm, Knightons Lane, Dunsfold, Surrey.

● For a Londoner, I have a wonderful collection of tools—even gardening tools as part of a "bottom drawer" operation against the time when I shall have a real garden. I have collected them partly because I use many of them, but mostly because I gravitate towards toolshops and I find myself tempted to buy a good product.

Now my vulnerability has been attacked anew by a tool catalogue called *Mate*. It is a very good catalogue with the tools chosen by Ron Hickman, chairman of the company and designer of the new Black and Decker Workmate among other things. The illustrations are excellent, highlighting special features of the tool such as "moulded handles" or "three cutter tools". Portable lighting and running leads or portable power points are there too.

Let me make it quite clear that the tools have not been chosen for their cheapness but for their value, quality and performance. That is obvious from the catalogue. The prices of Ron Hickman's chosen pieces are highly competitive, but do not expect the cheapest of everything. There are plenty of low cost items in the catalogue, like steel rules, accessories and the like. The printed prices exclude VAT and postage or carriage are kept realistically low. The catalogue costs you 15p. You keep it and when prices have to be changed, separate price lists are sent free to keep in a pocket inside the back cover. There is a £1 voucher for £15 order. The address is Mate Tools, Brewery Road, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11 8HH. Regular customers get free catalogues, automatically.

● Mary Howard-Johnson found it impossible to buy serviceable classic clothes in large sizes so she went into business making for herself and others like her. She employs five first-class tailors, all women, and insists on a high standard of workmanship. She has no catalogues but each garment is made in specified lengths to the measurements you give.

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● The annual culling of the deer herds in Holker Hall's huge Deer Park has begun. You may wonder why this item of news should concern you. It does if you like venison which, in the hands of good cooks, can be delicious. At Holker Hall, they are now building up a venison list for those who want to buy a whole carcase of red or fallow deer at the reasonable price of 50p a lb. Jointed the price is 53p.

But pause before you rush to be listed because the price is so low (venison fillets cost £2 per lb in London this week). The red and fallow carcases now are anything between 100lb and 200lb—half a carcase costs 53p per lb.

Later this year, there will be carcases of hinds at 100 to 200lb and of fallow does at 60 to 80lb, which is more manageable. Roe bucks, culled all through the year, weigh between 30 and 40lb while Roe does (November to February) are 20 to 30lb.

Friends and neighbours with deep freeze cabinets might join in a venison-buying consortium. At Holker Hall (pronounced Hooker) the carcases are put into chill at once but not deep frozen, so you get them in good condition for your own freezer. Each customer gets recipes.

The snag is, of course, that this is a cash and carry offer, useful only to those who are prepared to drive to Holker Hall. If that includes you, get your name on the venison list by writing to The Estate Office, New Holker Estate Company, Cark-in-Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria.

● The Briar Drier (this page last week) inspired a pipe-smoking reader to try drying out his pipe with his Rawplug electric soldering iron. He did and reports that it works well, confirming the Briar Drier claims that dried-out pipes are sweeter and cooler, burn better and become less malodorous (his family and best friends confirmed that).

His soldering iron, being used for a multitude of other jobs, makes a cheap pipe drier but the drying operation does make a stench so he suggests doing it out in a workshop or shed. The idea amused me and seemed worth passing on. But, before rushing out for the cheaper soldering iron, do check that the man who will receive it actually wants a soldering iron which is a rather uglier, clumsier thing to have around the home than the compact Briar Drier.

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Guide to election results to be declared tonight

Results are expected to be declared tonight in the constituencies set out on this page, which should be read in conjunction with the list of nominations published in *The Times* on October 1. Each constituency has the majority for the party winning the seat at the February election.

Constituencies are listed in accord with the Boundary Commission's report, which groups parliamentary seats in the Greater London area under the name of the London borough concerned, for example, we show Bromley, Ravensbourne, rather than just Ravensbourne. The constituencies concerned are cross-indexed, as well as certain constituencies in other parts of the country like those on Teesside.

The first results are expected to be declared between 11 and 11.30 pm with Cheltenham and Guildford the favourites in the race to be first. Another dozen are expected between 11.30 pm and midnight and over 30 between midnight and 12.30 am Friday.

From then on the pace will be faster. Between 12.30 and 1 am between 60 and 70 declarations are expected; 1 am to 1.30 am between 120 and 130; 1.30 am to 2 am about 100; 2 am to 2.30 am over 90; 2.30 am to 3 am about 30; 3 am to 3.30 am over 20, leaving about 10 results, the last of which is expected between 4.30 am and 5 am.

A record total of 2,252 candidates has been nominated for the election compared with 2,135 candidates last February. The breakdown of candidates is as follows: Labour 626 including three Northern Ireland Labour Party contestants; Conservative 622; The Speaker 1; Liberal 619; National Front 90; Scottish National Party 71; Plaid Cymru 36; Communist Party 29; United Ulster Unionist Coalition 12; Workers' Revolutionary Party 10; Social Democratic and Labour Party 9; Alliance Party 5; others in England, Scotland and Wales 108; others in Ulster 14.

The state of the parties after the February election was:

Labour	301
Conservative	296
Liberal	14
UUUC	11
Scot National	7
Pl Cymru	2
Speaker	1
Social Dem	1
Ind Lab	1
SDLP	1
Total	635

The state of the parties at dissolution was:

Labour	298
Conservative	296
Liberal	15
UUUC	11
Scot National	7
Pl Cymru	2
Speaker	1
Social Dem	1
Ind Lab	1
SDLP	1
Vacant	2
Total	635

The two vacancies at dissolution were caused by the deaths of two Labour MPs—Mr Neil McBride (Swansea, East) and Mr Geoffrey Rhodes (Newcastle upon Tyne, East). In July, Mr Christopher Mayhew, Labour MP for Greenwich, Woolwich East, crossed the floor of the House and joined the Liberal Party. Since February there has been one by-election—at Newham South which Labour held.

ABERAVON
Lab 20,688

ABERDARE
Lab 11.832

ABERDEEN, North
Lab 11,856

ABERDEEN, South
C 3,558

ACCRINGTON
Lab 5,032

ACTON, see Ealing

ALDERSHOT
C 10,658

ALDRIDGE-BROWNHILLS
Lab 366

ALTRINCHAM AND SALE
C 8,696

ANGLESEY
Lab 5,754

ANGUS, South
C 5,343

ARUNDEL
C 19,943

ASHFIELD
Lab 21,788

ASHFORD
C 8,459

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
Lab 8.301

AYLESBURY
C 11,183

AYR
C 5,098

AYRSHIRE, Central
Lab 6,277

BANFFSHIRE
C 2,785

BARKING, Barking
Lab 14.834

BARKING, Dagenham
Lab 23.490

BARNSLEY
Lab 24,626

BARROW-IN-FURNESS
Lab 5,107

BASILDON
Lab 10,667

BASINGSTOKE
C 7,797

BASSETLAW
Lab 11.234

BATH
C 5,182

BATLEY AND MORLEY
Lab 7,091

BATTERSEA, North,
see Wandsworth

BATTERSEA, South
see Wandsworth

BEBINGTON AND
ELLESMERE PORT
Lab 4,462

BECKENHAM, see Bromley

BEDFORD
C 6,221

BEDFORDSHIRE,
South
C 4,758

BELPER
Lab 2,034

BERMONDSEY, see Southwark

BERWICK and EAST LOTHIAN
Lab 540

BETHNAL GREEN AND BOW
see Tower Hamlets

BEXLEY, Bexleyheath
C 3,866

BEXLEY, Erith and Crayford
Lab 7,081

BEXLEY, Sidcup
C 9,698

BIRKENHEAD
Lab 6,994

BIRMINGHAM,
Edgbaston
C 5,920

BIRMINGHAM, Erdington
Lab 6,928

BIRMINGHAM, Hall Green
C 6,244

BIRMINGHAM, Handsworth
Lab 1,623

BIRMINGHAM, Ladywood
Lab 8,962

BIRMINGHAM, Northfield
Lab 8,529

BIRMINGHAM, Perry Bar
Lab 2,023

BIRMINGHAM,
Selly Oak
C 2,882

BIRMINGHAM,
Small Heath
Lab 11,878

BIRMINGHAM,
Sparkbrook
Lab 7,405

BIRMINGHAM,
Stechford
Lab 10,232

BIRMINGHAM,
Yardley
Lab 1,947

BLABY
C 12,298

BLACKBURN
Lab 6,300

BLACKPOOL, North
C 8,154

BLACKPOOL, South
C 8,091

BLYTH
Ind Lab 6,140

BOLTON, East
Lab 1,613

BOLTON, West
C 603

BOOTLE
Lab 14,935

BOTHWELL
Lab 9,601

BOURNEMOUTH, West
C 10,818

BRADFORD, North
Lab 6,617

BRADFORD, South
Lab 7,653

BRADFORD, West
Lab 2,219

BRENT, East
Lab 7,622

BRENT, North
C 7,941

BRENT, South
Lab 10,624

BRENTFORD and
ISLEWORTH, see Hounslow

BRENTWOOD AND ONGAR
C 9,093

BRIGHOUSE AND SPENBOROUGH
Lab 1,546

BRIGHTON, Kemptown
C 4,020

BRIGHTON, Pavilion
C 10,618

BRISTOL, North-East
Lab & Co-op 6,087

BRISTOL, North-West
C 650

BRISTOL, South
Lab 13,167

BRISTOL, South-East
Lab 7,912

BRISTOL, West
C 8,064

BROMLEY, Beckenham
C 10,155

BROMLEY, Chislehurst
C 5.493

BROMLEY, Orpington
C 3,664

BROMLEY.
Ravensbourne
C 8.897

BROMSGROVE AND REDDITCH
C 3,589

BURNLEY
Lab 9,840

BURTON
C 3.303

BURY AND RADCLIFFE
C 345

CAERNARVON
Pl Cymru 1,728

CAERPHILLY
Lab 12,882

CAMBRIDGE
C 4,676

CAMBRIDGESHIRE
C 13.812

CAMDEN, Hampstead
C 2,257

CAMDEN, Holborn
St Pancras, South
Lab 4,191

CAMDEN.
St Pancras North
Lab 6,835

CANNOCK
Lab 11.064

CANTERBURY
C 17,041

CARDIFF, North
C 3,853

CARDIFF, North-West
C 6,013

CARDIFF, South-East
Lab 7,146

CARDIFF, West
Lab 3.346

CARDIGAN
L 2,476

CARLISLE
Lab 4,980

CARMARTHEN
Lab 3

CARSHALTON, see Sutton

CHEADLE
C 6,224

CHELMSFORD
C 6,631

CHELSEA,
see Kensington and Chelsea

CHELTENHAM
C 5,912

CHESTER, CITY OF
C 6,768

CHESTER-LE-STREET
Lab 18,726

CHICHESTER
C 11.413

CHINGFORD,
see Waltham Forest

CHIPPENHAM
C 3.092

CHIPPING BARNET,
see BARNET

CHRISTCHURCH AND LYMINGTON
C 14,634

CHISLEHURST,
see Bromley

CITIES OF LONDON AND WESTMINSTER,
South
C 8.427

CITIES OF LONDON AND WESTMINSTER,
Paddington
Lab 872

CITIES OF LONDON and WESTMINSTER,
St Marylebone
C 8.717

CLITHEROE
C 8,528

COATBRIDGE AND AIRDRIE
Lab 11,783

COLCHESTER
C 6,862

COLNE VALLEY
L 719

CONSETT
Lab 18,343

CONWAY
C 4,549

COVENTRY,
North-East
Lab 15,427

COVENTRY,
North-West
Lab 6,658

COVENTRY,
South-East
Lab 10,751

COVENTRY,
South-West
Lab 513

CREWE
Lab 5,123

CROSBY
C 15,570

CROYDON, Central
C 1,314

CROYDON, North-East
C 3,820

CROYDON, North-West
C 3,071

CROYDON, South
C 15,867

DAGENHAM,
see Barking

DARLINGTON
Lab 2,069

DARTFORD
Lab & Co-op 3,654

DARWEN
C 9,310

DEPTFORD,
see Lewisham

DERBY, North
Lab 1,293

DERBY, South
Lab 7,143

DERBYSHIRE,
North-East
Lab 7,282

DERBYSHIRE,
West
C 8,460

DEVIZES
C 9,898

DEVON, North
L 11,072

DEWSBURY
Lab 5,412

DORKING
C 10,313

DORSET, South
C 8,615

DOVER AND DEAL
C 4,850

DUDLEY, East
Lab 11,622

DUDLEY, West
Lab 4,669

DULWICH,
see Southwark

DUMFRIES
C 8,968

DUNBARTONSHIRE,
Central
Lab 6,664

DUNBARTONSHIRE,
East
C 3.676

DUNBARTONSHIRE,
West
Lab 2,609

DUNDEE, East
Scot Nat 2,966

DUNDEE, West
Lab 6,448

DUNFERMLINE
Lab 4,410

EALING, Acton
C 1,451

EALING, North
Lab 2,448

EALING, Southall
Lab 8,812

EAST KILBRIDE
Lab 7,968

EASTLEIGH
C 10,110

EBBW VALE
Lab 15,684

ECCLES
Lab 7,786

EDINBURGH, Central
Lab 961

EDINBURGH, East
Lab 5,549

EDINBURGH, Leith
Lab 721

EDINBURGH, North
C 7,013

EDINBURGH,
Pentlands
C 4,602

EDINBURGH, South
C 6,381

EDINBURGH, West
C 8,477

ENFIELD, Edmonton
Lab 5,723

ENFIELD, North
Lab 3,416

ENFIELD, Southgate
C 14.454

EPPING FOREST
C 8,167

ERITH and CRAYFORD,
see Bexley

ESSEX, South-East
C 9,265

ETON AND SLOUGH
Lab 6,891

EXETER
C 5,076

FAREHAM
C 7,877

FARNWORTH
Lab 12,637

FELTHAM and HESTON,
see Hounslow

FIFE, Central
Lab 14,094

FIFE, East
C 12,579

FINCHLEY, see Barnet

FLINT, East
Lab 8,852

FLINT, West
C 7,142

FULHAM,
see Hammersmith

GALLOWAY
C 4,008

GATESHEAD, East
Lab 15,299

GATESHEAD, West
Lab 8,467

GILLINGHAM
C 5,882

GLASGOW, Cathcart
C 2,095

GLASGOW, Central
Lab 5,965

GLASGOW, Craigton
Lab 7,238

GLASGOW,
Garscadden
Lab 11,264

GLASGOW, Govan
Lab 543

GLASGOW, Hillhead
C 6,381

GLASGOW,
Kelvingrove
Lab 2,398

GLASGOW, Maryhill
Lab 11,383

GLASGOW, Pollok
Lab 3,406

GLASGOW, Provan
Lab 15,787

GLASGOW,
Queen's Park
Lab 8,366

GLASGOW,
Shettleston
Lab 7,736

GLASGOW,
Springburn
Lab 10,395

GLOUCESTER
C 4,837

GLOUCESTERSHIRE,
South
C 6,459

GOSPORT
C 7,228

GOWER
Lab 15,076

GRAVESEND
Lab 1,582

GREENOCK AND PORT GLASGOW
Lab 11,776

GREENWICH,
Greenwich
Lab 8,870

GREENWICH,
Woolwich East
Lab 11.977

GREENWICH,
Woolwich West
Lab 2.436

GRIMSBY
Lab 5,671

GUILDFORD
C 9,891

HACKNEY, Central
Lab 12,403

HACKNEY, North and
Stoke Newington
Lab 9,334

HACKNEY, South and
Shoreditch
Lab 12,018

HALESOWEN AND STOURBRIDGE
C 4,049

HALIFAX
Lab 3,003

HAMILTON
Lab 6,378

HAMMERSMITH,
Fulham
Lab 3,549

HAMMERSMITH,
North
Lab 7,041

HAMPSTEAD,
see Camden

HARINGEY, Hornsey
C 2,208

HARINGEY,
Tottenham
Lab 9,126

HARINGEY,
Wood Green
Lab 7.644

HARROGATE
C 11.789

HARLOW
Lab 12,534

HARROW, Central
C 2,917

HARROW, East
C 4.493

HARROW, West
C 11.869

HARTLEPOOL
Lab 4,288

HARWICH
C 12.463

HASTINGS
C 7.083

HAVANT AND WATERLOO
C 9,188

HAVERING,
Hornchurch
Lab 6.196

HAVERING, Romford
C 3.073

HAVERING,
Upminster
C 1,008

HAYES AND HARLINGTON,
see Hillingdon

HAZEL GROVE
L 1,998

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
C 187

HENDON NORTH,
see Barnet

HENDON SOUTH,
see Barnet

HERTFORDSHIRE,
South
C 3,086

HEYWOOD AND ROYTON
Lab 7,162

HIGH PEAK
C 2,275

HILLINGDON, Hayes
and Harlington
Lab 10,048

HILLINGDON, Ruislip-
Northwood
C 11,421

HILLINGDON,
Uxbridge
C 2,415

HOLBORN AND ST PANCRAS SOUTH,
see Camden

HONITON
C 14,123

HORNCASTLE
C 6.789

HORNCHURCH,
see Havering

HORNSEY,
see Haringey

HORSHAM AND CRAWLEY
C 6,774

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING
Lab 23.963

HOUNSLOW,
Brentford and
Isleworth
C 726

HOUNSLOW, Feltham
and Heston
Lab 8,055

HOVE
C 11,509

HUDDERSFIELD,
East
Lab 7,304

HUDDERSFIELD,
West
Lab 630

HUYTON
Lab 15,305

ILFORD, NORTH,
see Redbridge

ILFORD, SOUTH,
see Redbridge

ILKESTON
Lab 14,160

INCE
Lab 22.759

IPSWICH
C 259

ISLE OF WIGHT
L 7,766

ISLINGTON, Central
Lab 8,691

ISLINGTON, North
Lab 6,628

ISLINGTON, South
and Finsbury
Lab 8,591

JARROW
Lab 13,892

KEIGHLEY
Lab 878

KIDDERMINSTER
C 8,685

KILMARNOCK
Lab 9,727

KINGSTON UPON HULL, Central
Lab 7,619

KINGSTON UPON HULL, East
Lab 23,593

KINGSTON UPON HULL, West
Lab 7,931

KINGSTON UPON THAMES
Kingston Upon Thames
C 10,307

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, Surbiton
C 6,500

KINGSWOOD
Lab 1,641

KIRKCALDY
Lab 9,382

KNUTSFORD
C 11,090

LAMBETH, Central
Lab 7,369

LAMBETH, Norwood
Lab 4,022

LAMBETH, Streatham
C 4,475

LAMBETH, Vauxhall
Lab 8,641

LANARK
Lab 2,100

LANARKSHIRE,
North
Lab 6,784

LANCASTER
C 2,469

LEEDS, East
Lab 10,514

LEEDS, North-East
C 7,260

LEEDS, North-West
C 6,671

LEEDS, South
Lab 11,860

LEEDS, South-East
Lab 9,454

LEEDS, West
Lab 3,985

LEEK
C 5,732

LEICESTER, East
Lab 1,413

LEICESTER, South
C 1,766

LEICESTER, West
Lab 8,652

LEIGH
Lab 13,647

LEOMINSTER
C 1,619

LEWISHAM,
Deptford
Lab 11,629

LEWISHAM, East
Lab 6.306

LEWISHAM, West
Lab 2,402

LEYTON,
see Waltham Forest

LICHFIELD and TAMWORTH
C 1,807

LINCOLN
Soc Dem 1,293

LIVERPOOL,
Edge Hill
Lab 5,750

LIVERPOOL, Garston
Lab 681

LIVERPOOL, Kirkdale
Lab 6,525

LIVERPOOL,
Scotland Exchange
Lab 12,332

LIVERPOOL, Toxteth
Lab 5,357

LIVERPOOL, Walton
Lab 8,216

LIVERPOOL,
Wavertree
C 5,275

LIVERPOOL,
West Derby
Lab 9,973

LLANELLI
Lab 21,445

LOUGHBOROUGH
Lab 697

LOWESTOFT
C 3,604

LUTON, East
Lab 1,425

LUTON, West
Lab 5,042

MACCLESFIELD
C 14,286

MAIDSTONE
C 7,656

MANCHESTER,
Ardwick
Lab 4,593

MANCHESTER,
Blackley
Lab 5,506

MANCHESTER,
Central
Lab 10.004

MANCHESTER,
Gorton
Lab 8,975

MANCHESTER,
Moss Side
Lab 2,392

MANCHESTER,
Openshaw
Lab 7,457

MANCHESTER,
Withington
C 4,413

MANCHESTER,
Wythenshawe
Lab 12,438

MANSFIELD
Lab 16,142

MELTON
C 12,749

MERIDEN
Lab 4,485

MERIONETH
Pl Cymru 588

MERTHYR TYDFIL
Lab 13,150

MERTON, Mitcham
and Morden
Lab 3,225

MERTON, Wimbledon
C 12,213

MIDDLESBROUGH, see
Teesside

MIDDLETON AND PRESTWICH
Lab 517

MIDLOTHIAN
Lab 11,742

MITCHAM AND MORDEN, see Merton

MORPETH
Lab 13,034

MOTHERWELL AND WISHAW
Lab 6,313

NEATH
Lab 16.593

NELSON AND COLNE
C 177

NEWARK
Lab 4.497

NEWBURY
C 1,201

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME
Lab 5,648

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Central
Lab 8,002

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, East
Lab & Co-op 6,092

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, North
C 2,980

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, West
Lab 11,396

NEW FOREST
C 11,382

NEWHAM, North-East
Lab 13,331

NEWHAM, North-West
Lab 12,548

NEWHAM, South
Lab 18,583 May (by-election) Lab 7.459

NEWPORT
Lab 11,382

NEWTON
Lab 14,770

NORFOLK, North
West
C 803

NORMANTON
Lab 15.174

NORTHAMPTON,
North
Lab 1,033

NORTHAMPTON,
South
C 179

NORTH FYLDE
C 19,658

NORTHWICH
C 6,293

NORWICH, North
Lab 7,294

NORWICH, South
Lab 652

NORWOOD, see
Lambeth

NOTTINGHAM, East
Lab 3,978

NOTTINGHAM, North
Lab 4,445

NOTTINGHAM, West
Lab 5,797

NUNEATON
Lab 17,493

OGMORE
Lab 17,553

OLDHAM, East
Lab 6,302

OLDHAM, West
Lab 6.305

ORMSKIRK
Lab 7.803

ORPINGTON, see
Bromley

OXFORD
C 821

PAISLEY
Lab 8,897

PADDINGTON, see
Cities of London and
Westminster

PECKHAM, see
Southwark

PEMBROKE
C 1,479

PENISTONE
Lab 13,713

PERTH AND EAST PERTHSHIRE
C 8,975

PETERBOROUGH
C 22

PLYMOUTH, Devonport
Lab 437

PLYMOUTH, Drake
C 2,611

PLYMOUTH, Sutton
C 8,104

PONTEFRACT AND CASTLEFORD
Lab 23,804

PONTYPOOL
Lab 17,465

PONTYPRIDD
Lab 16,622

POOLE
C 10,068

PORTSMOUTH, North
Lab 320

PORTSMOUTH, South
C 10,982

PRESTON, North
Lab 255

PRESTON, South
Lab 1,887

PUDSEY
C 3,739

PUTNEY, see
Wandsworth

RAVENSBOURNE, see
Bromley

READING, North
C 2,359

READING, South
C 5,359

REDBRIDGE, Ilford.
North
C 385

REDBRIDGE, Ilford,
South
Lab 1,143

REDBRIDGE, Wanstead
and Woodford
C 11.901

REDCAR, see Teesside

REIGATE
C 14,069

RENFREWSHIRE,
East
C 15,486

RENFREWSHIRE,
West
Lab 2,668

RHONDDA
Lab 30,141

RICHMOND UPON THAMES, Richmond
C 3,827

RICHMOND UPON THAMES, Twickenham
C 11,503

ROCHDALE
L 8,899

ROCHESTER AND CHATHAM
C 843

ROMFORD, see
Havering

ROSSENDALE
C 797

ROTHERHAM
Lab 16,734

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS
C 11,028

RUGBY
Lab 6,154

RUISLIP-Northwood,
see Hillingdon

RUNCORN
C 7,268

RUSHCLIFFE
C 17,709

RUTHERGLEN
Lab 4,153

ST ALBANS
C 8,421

ST MARYLEBONE,
see Cities of London
and Westminster

ST PANCRAS, North,
see Camden

SALFORD, East
Lab 6,931

SALFORD, West
Lab 6,462

SALISBURY
C 6,217

SCARBOROUGH
C 5,107

SEVENOAKS
C 13,713

SHEFFIELD,
Attercliffe
Lab 21,176

SHEFFIELD,
Brightside
Lab 20,567

SHEFFIELD,
Hallam
C 12,913

SHEFFIELD,
Heeley
Lab 6.585

SHEFFIELD,
Hillsborough
Lab 11.280

SHEFFIELD, Park
Lab 22.677

SHIPLEY
C 4,155

SHOREHAM
C 9,758

SHREWSBURY
C 6,131

SIDCUP, see Bexley

SOLIHULL
C 17,363

SOMERSET, North
C 12,155

SOUTHALL, see Ealing

SOUTHAMPTON,
Itchen
Lab 5,590

SOUTHAMPTON,
Test
C 1,403

SOUTHEND, East
C 4,952

SOUTHEND, West
C 5,155

SOUTH FYLDE
C 25.379

SOUTHGATE, see
Enfield

SOUTHPORT
C 3,882

SOUTH SHIELDS
Lab 11,986

SOUTHWARK,
Bermondsey
Lab 18,721

SOUTHWARK,
Dulwich
Lab 5.341

SOUTHWARK,
Peckham
Lab 18.071

SOWERBY
Lab 115

SPELTHORNE
C 8,059

STAFFORD AND STONE
C 8,983

STALYBRIDGE and HYDE
Lab 8,068

STEPNEY and POPLAR,
see Tower Hamlets

STIRLING, FALKIRK
and GRANGEMOUTH
Lab 3,849

STIRLINGSHIRE,
West
Lab 4,844

STOCKPORT, North
Lab 203

STOCKPORT, South
Lab 3,098

STOCKTON, see
Teesside

STOKE-ON-TRENT,
Central
Lab 11,748

STOKE-ON-TRENT,
North
Lab 12,459

STOKE-ON-TRENT,
South
Lab 15,669

STREATHAM, see
Lambeth

STRETFORD
C 3,989

STROUD
C 8,471

SUNDERLAND,
North
Lab 11,400

SUNDERLAND,
South
Lab 8,596

SURBITON, see
Kingston upon Thames

SURREY, East
C 8,019

SURREY, North West
C 14,949

SUSSEX, Mid
C 12,155

SUTTON, Carshalton
C 5,690

SUTTON, Sutton and
Cheam
C 1,719

SUTTON COLDFIELD
C 13,436

SWANSEA, East
Lab 19,687

SWANSEA, West
Lab 3,338

SWINDON
Lab 8,709

TEESSIDE,
Middlesbrough
Lab 13,409

TEESSIDE, Redcar
Lab 9,254

TEESSIDE, Stockton
Lab 12,371

TEESSIDE, Thornaby
Lab & Co-op 1,718

THANET, East
C 6,597

THANET, West
C 7,660

THORNABY, see
Teesside

THURROCK
Lab 18,318

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING
C 10,108

TOOTING, see
Wandsworth

TORBAY
C 12,408

TOTNES
C 9,643

TOTTENHAM, see
Haringey

TOWER HAMLETS,
Bethnal Green and
Bow
Lab 14,554

TOWER HAMLETS,
Stepney and Poplar
Lab 23,330

TWICKENHAM, see
Richmond upon Thames

TUNBRIDGE WELLS,
see Royal Tunbridge
Wells

TYNEMOUTH
C 6,387

UPMINSTER, see
Havering

UXBRIDGE, see
Hillingdon

VAUXHALL, see
Lambeth

WAKEFIELD
Lab 11,418

WALLASEY
C 2,472

WALSALL, North
Lab & Co-op 14,704

WALSALL, South
Lab 1,580

WALTHAM FOREST,
Chingford
C 5,583

WALTHAM FOREST,
Leyton
Lab 3.937

WALTHAM FOREST,
Walthamstow
Lab 8,734

WANDSWORTH,
Battersea, North
Lab 10,423

WANDSWORTH,
Battersea, South
Lab 1.633

WANDSWORTH, Putney
Lab 1,439

WANDSWORTH,
Tooting
Lab 6,108

WANSTEAD and
WOOOFORD, see
Redbridge

WARLEY, East
Lab 7,571

WARLEY, West
Lab 14,624

WARRINGTON
Lab & Co-op 11,106

WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON
C 11,293

WATFORD
Lab 2,795

WELLINGBOROUGH
C 2,270

WELLS
C 7,785

WELWYN AND HATFIELD
C 1,415

WEST BROMWICH,
East
Lab 5,209

WEST BROMWICH,
West
Lab 13,431

WESTBURY
C 8,419

WESTHOUGHTON
Lab 12,665

WEST LOTHIAN
Lab 6,422

WESTON-SUPER-MARE
C 13,501

WHITEHAVEN
Lab 7,362

WIDNES
Lab 16,499

WIGAN
Lab 18,202

WIMBLEDON, see
Merton

WINCHESTER
C 10,504

WIRRAL
Speaker 15.847

WOKING
C 7,583

WOKINGHAM
C 10,432

WOLVERHAMPTON,
North-East
Lab 12,617

WOLVERHAMPTON,
South-East
Lab 10,905

WOLVERHAMPTON,
South-West
C 6,901

WOOD GREEN, see
Haringey

WOOLWICH, East, see
Greenwich

WOOLWICH, West, see
Greenwich

WORCESTER
C 7,467

WORKINGTON
Lab 7,770

WORTHING
C 18,930

WREKIN, THE
Lab 6,521

WREXHAM
Lab 13,083

WYCOMBE
C 10,699

YEOVIL
C 7,490

YORK
Lab 831

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Where the parties had support in February

SCOTTISH BURGHS

30 SEATS

The number before each name shows its position on the map

1	Aberdeen	■□
7	Coatbridge & Airdrie	■
2	Dundee	■□
5	Edinburgh	■■■□□□□
10	Glasgow	■■■■■■■ ■■■■■□□
8	Greenock & Port Glasgow	■
3	Kirkcaldy	■
4	Motherwell & Wishaw	■
9	Paisley	■
6	Stirling, Falkirk & Grangemouth	■

WELSH BOROUGHS

10 SEATS

128	Aberdare	■
130	Cardiff	■■□□
127	Merthyr Tydfil	■
126	Newport	■
129	Rhondda	■
131	Swansea	■■

NORTHERN IRELAND BOROUGHS

4 SEATS

11	Belfast	▨▨▨⊡

LONDON BOROUGHS

92 SEATS

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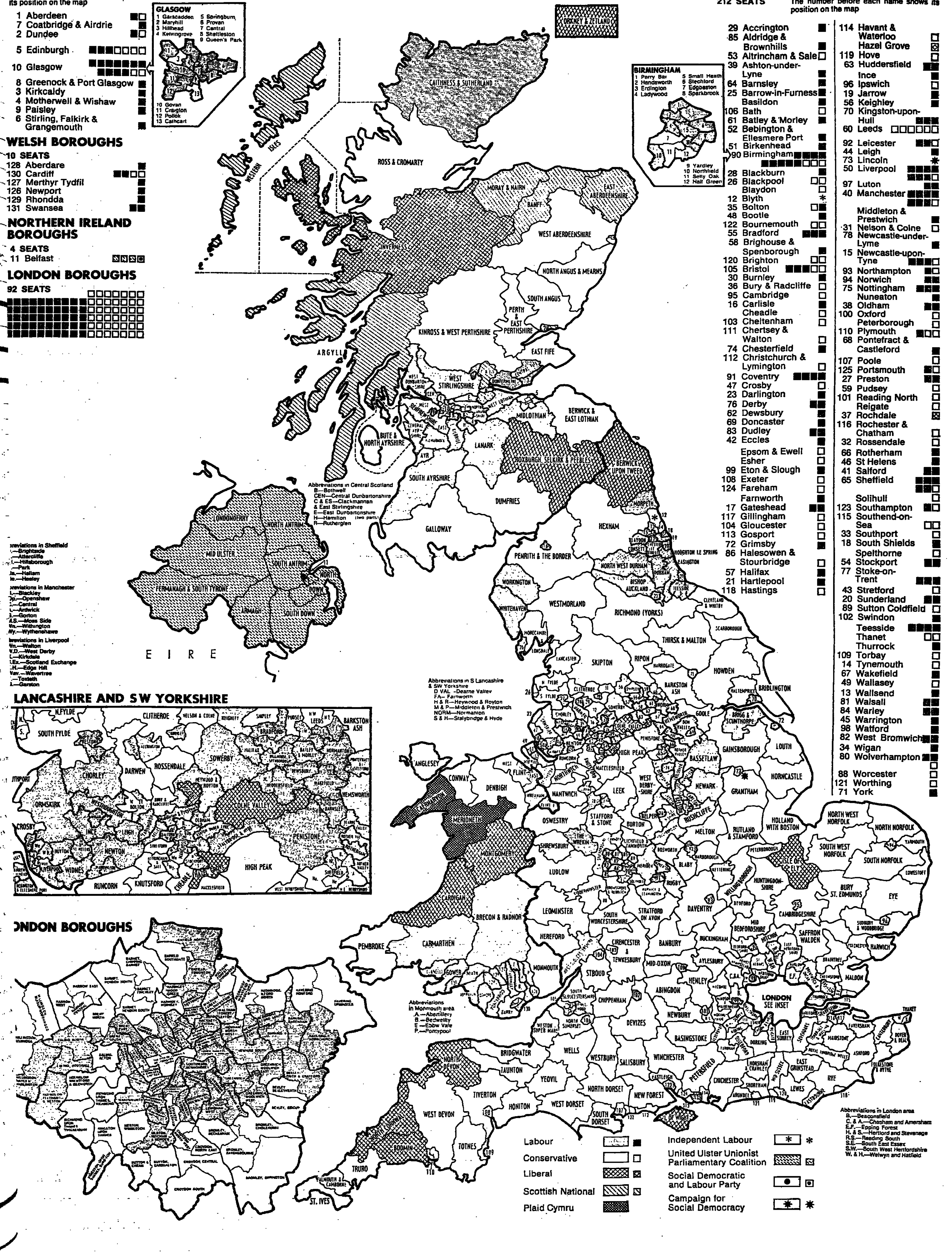
ENGLISH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCIES OUTSIDE LONDON

212 SEATS

The number before each name shows its position on the map

29	Accrington	■
85	Aldridge & Brownhills	■
53	Altrincham & Sale	□
39	Ashton-under-Lyne	■
64	Barnsley	■
25	Barrow-in-Furness	■
	Basildon	■
106	Bath	□
61	Batley & Morley	■
52	Bebington & Ellesmere Port	■
51	Birkenhead	■
90	Birmingham	■■■■ ■■■■■□□□
28	Blackburn	■
26	Blackpool	□□
	Blaydon	□
12	Blyth	*
35	Bolton	□■
48	Bootle	■
122	Bournemouth	□□
55	Bradford	■■■
58	Brighouse & Spenborough	■
120	Brighton	□□
105	Bristol	■■■□□
30	Burnley	■
36	Bury & Radcliffe	□
95	Cambridge	□
16	Carlisle	■
	Cheadle	□
103	Cheltenham	□
111	Chertsey & Walton	□
74	Chesterfield	■
112	Christchurch & Lymington	□
91	Coventry	■■■■
47	Crosby	□
23	Darlington	■
76	Derby	■■
62	Dewsbury	■
69	Doncaster	■
83	Dudley	■■
42	Eccles	■
	Epsom & Ewell	□
	Esher	□
99	Eton & Slough	■
108	Exeter	□
124	Fareham	□
	Farnworth	■
17	Gateshead	■■
117	Gillingham	□
104	Gloucester	□
113	Gosport	□
72	Grimsby	■
86	Halesowen & Stourbridge	□
57	Halifax	■
21	Hartlepool	■
118	Hastings	□
114	Havant & Waterloo	□
	Hazel Grove	⊠
119	Hove	□
63	Huddersfield	■■
	Ince	■
96	Ipswich	□
19	Jarrow	■
56	Keighley	■
70	Kingston-upon-Hull	■■■
60	Leeds	□□□□□□
92	Leicester	■■□
44	Leigh	■
73	Lincoln	✱
50	Liverpool	■■■■ ■■■□
97	Luton	■■
40	Manchester	■■■■ ■■■□
	Middleton & Prestwich	■
31	Nelson & Colne	□
78	Newcastle-under-Lyme	■
15	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	■■■□
93	Northampton	■□
94	Norwich	■■
75	Nottingham	■■■
	Nuneaton	■
38	Oldham	■■
100	Oxford	□
	Peterborough	□
110	Plymouth	■□□
68	Pontefract & Castleford	■
107	Poole	□
125	Portsmouth	■□
27	Preston	■■
59	Pudsey	□
101	Reading North	□
	Reigate	□
37	Rochdale	⊠
116	Rochester & Chatham	□
32	Rossendale	□
66	Rotherham	■
46	St Helens	■
41	Salford	■■
65	Sheffield	■■■ ■■□
	Solihull	□
123	Southampton	■□
115	Southend-on-Sea	□□
33	Southport	□
18	South Shields	■
	Spelthorne	□
54	Stockport	■■
77	Stoke-on-Trent	■■■
43	Stretford	□
20	Sunderland	■■
89	Sutton Coldfield	□
102	Swindon	■
	Teesside	■■■■
	Thanet	□□
	Thurrock	■
109	Torbay	□
14	Tynemouth	□
67	Wakefield	■
49	Wallasey	□
13	Wallsend	■
81	Walsall	■■
84	Warley	■■
45	Warrington	■
98	Watford	■
82	West Bromwich	■■
34	Wigan	■
80	Wolverhampton	■■ □
88	Worcester	□
121	Worthing	□
71	York	■



GLASGOW
1 Garscadden
2 Maryhill
3 Hillhead
4 Kelvingrove
5 Springburn
6 Provan
7 Central
8 Shettleston
9 Queen's Park
10 Govan
11 Craigton
12 Pollok
13 Cathcart

BIRMINGHAM
1 Perry Bar
2 Handsworth
3 Erdington
4 Ladywood
5 Small Heath
6 Stechford
7 Edgbaston
8 Sparkbrook
9 Yardley
10 Northfield
11 Selly Oak
12 Hall Green

Abbreviations in Central Scotland
B—Bothwell
CEN—Central Dunbartonshire
C & ES—Clackmannan & East Stirlingshire
E—East Dunbartonshire
H—Hamilton (two parts)
R—Rutherglen

reviations in Sheffield
—Brightside
—Attercliffe
—Hillsborough
—Park
a.—Hallam
e.—Heeley

reviations in Manchester
—Blackley
Op.—Openshaw
—Central
—Ardwick
—Gorton
.S.—Moss Side
n.—Withington
Wy.—Wythenshawe

reviations in Liverpool
n.—Walton
V.D.—West Derby
—Kirkdale
.Ex.—Scotland Exchange
.H.—Edge Hill
Vav.—Wavertree
—Toxteth
—Garston

Abbreviations in S Lancashire & SW Yorkshire
D VAL —Dearne Valley
FA— Farnworth
H & R—Heywood & Royton
M & P—Middleton & Prestwich
NORM—Normanton
S & H—Stalybridge & Hyde

Abbreviations in Monmouth area
A.—Abertillery
B.—Bedwellty
E.—Ebbw Vale
P.—Pontypool

Abbreviations in London area
B.—Beaconsfield
C. & A.—Chesham and Amersham
E.F.—Epping Forest
H. & S.—Hertford and Stevenage
R.S.—Reading South
S.E.—South East Essex
S.W.—South West Hertfordshire
W. & H.—Welwyn and Hatfield

Labour	▒	■
Conservative	☐	□
Liberal	▩	⊠
Scottish National	▧	▧
Plaid Cymru	▓	
Independent Labour	*	*
United Ulster Unionist Parliamentary Coalition	▨	▨
Social Democratic and Labour Party	●	⊡
Campaign for Social Democracy	✱	✱

Ronald Butt

Campaign styles that illuminate the choice

I do not recall a previous election campaign in which the style and substance have been so closely related to each other as they have been in this one. Indeed, in a real sense, the style has been the substance, and what the manner of the rival campaigns has revealed about the nature of the choice before the nation could be the determining influence over the result.

At the outset of the campaign, the weight of advantage seemed to be decisively if not overwhelmingly with Labour. An electorate which had refused to support Mr Heath against the unions' determination to break his anti-inflationary defences in February seemed hardly likely to turn back to a Conservative Party whose policy had allowed this dangerous conflict to arise.

The polls all indicated Mr Heath's lack of popularity and the Labour Party had the social contract with the unions which alone seemed to promise some hope of industrial peace.

So inevitably the campaign began with Labour exuding an aggressive self confidence while Mr Heath and his colleagues seemed to be giving hostages to fortune in two ways. First, Mr Heath was already openly and repeatedly talking about coalition and the invitation he would repeat to Mr Thorpe.

Many Conservatives found this distasteful since it might seem to encourage waverers to vote Liberal in seats where this would only damage the Tories. Secondly, the Conservatives, after Mrs Thatcher's mortgage pledge, seemed to be open to the accusation that they were bribing the electorate in a manner ill-fitting the gravity of the nation's economic plight.

Yet it was at this moment that Labour's real potential weakness became obvious as Ministers allowed their self-confidence to spill over into an often ill-mannered and ill-tempered aggressiveness which seemed almost to indicate a collective personality flaw.

Mr Crosland diminished himself by accusing Mrs Thatcher of a "pack of lies" (which it obviously was not) and in calling her mortgage plans bribery; Labour ministers seemed to forget that protection for householders who are increasingly worried about being able to cope with rising interest rates could be as much a part of a national contract as Labour's concessions to the unions. And why should the one be more a bribe than the other?

Mr Healey, too, was quick to accuse the Conservatives of lies, even when he himself was naming a low inflation rate which was plainly misleading and Labour's campaign gradually became more arrogant.

Mr Wilson insisted that the social contract was everything; that it could not fail; that there was nothing else—and therefore that questions about what would happen if it did fail were not admissible. In taking this position, he was adopting a position not unlike that of the Conservatives last February when it was put to the nation that the statutory wages policy was essential for national survival.

In contrast, Mr Heath's quiet insistence on analysing the gravity of the situation and on expressing the view that no one party—not even his own—could hope to deal with it adequately alone, seemed much more realistic. His willingness to talk to all the political leaders has been in stark contrast to Mr Wilson's insistence on one-party government which was hardly made more convincing by the argument that the one party is itself a "coalition". For Labour's dependence on the unions—the sense that the whole point of electing Labour is to recognize and pay obeisance to their power—has become steadily more apparent as the campaign progressed.

As the campaign progressed, it became more and more obvious that Mr Wilson and his colleagues have taken their stand on the position: "*L'état c'est Nous*". Without them, they seem to say, there is no hope because they and only they represent the real power in the land—the unions, about whose intentions it is even sacrilegious to ask questions. It will be recalled that, a couple of reigns after that concept of government was voiced in Old France, there came the deluge.

Labour's unconcealed dependence on union power may, of course, bring it victory today because the nation has decided that it lacks the will to strike an independent course. Nevertheless, Mr Heath's quiet campaign has seemed increasingly to be the only one that he could have waged and one which will leave him with his political integrity untarnished whatever happens. I have far from always agreed with Mr Heath's handling of politics and last February it seemed to me a recipe for disaster to stake everything on a statute that could not be defended if any key group of workers chose to resist it. This time, however, I have increasingly admired the honesty and dignity of his campaign in insisting that there is no one single answer and that no one party ought to claim to have one.

We have seen a reversal of roles since last February. Then the nation rejected Mr Heath's single answer because the nation cannot afford ever to say there is only one answer, or else chaos. Will it now accept Mr Wilson's single answer which has been increasingly revealed as both empty and truculent? Or will it take the view that the very insistence on single-party rule by Mr Wilson, when that party is more than ever dependent on a single interest in the state, is fundamentally divisive?

Will it respond to the hectoring manner of Labour's campaign, with its insistence that if the nation knows what's good for it, it had better vote for the place where the big battalions are? Or will it be repelled by the Labour preference for party unity (which is why Mr Wilson dare not let it even be thought that he would talk to Mr Heath) over national unity? Will it pay the socialist price that the Labour left is demanding as danegeld for an uncertain prospect of industrial peace; is it prepared for an interpretation of politics which ominously divides what Mr Wilson calls the "useful" people from the rest?

It is possible even now that the electorate may see in the humbler and quieter manner of the Conservative campaign a way towards a broader approach to politics, so that the authority Mr Wilson seeks is withheld from him. But even if the electorate decides today to bow to the facts of power which Labour seems to represent, it will not at all diminish the importance for the nation of the case which Mr Heath has been arguing.

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A guide to key constituencies

Notwithstanding the big increase in votes for third party candidates in February, control of government will once again be determined in the 82 seats where the margin of victory was less than 5 per cent last time.

Seats that must change hands if either major party is to win an overall majority in the next Parliament are listed in the table below.

To keep track of the progress of the parties, circle in red each seat that Labour holds or gains, and circle in blue each seat held or gained by the Conservatives. Unless you have a large repertoire of coloured pencils, a third colour must suffice for victories by any of the third force parties.

Marking crucial seats as the results are declared should provide a better guide to the election result than looking for a magic number in a swing table. Calculations of swing have been badly upset by the rise in votes for the Liberal and Nationalist candidates. The ups and downs of these third force parties distort calculations of the movement of votes between the Conservative and Labour parties.

If the pattern of voting in previous elections holds, the party that is forging ahead will lose virtually no seats already held in its two columns below. It will not sweep all the vulnerable seats of its opponent, because at every election there are always a few marginal seats proof against the tide. Each seat that a party fails to win in its "must gain" column must be offset by at least one victory in the "majority" column to be sure of a majority.

If the changes in seats are confined to the two columns headed "Labour must gain" and "Conservative must gain" then there will be no party with an overall majority.

The second row of seats identifies the constituencies where Liberals, Scottish Nationalists, Plaid Cymru and Ulster parties are most hopeful of making gains.

Labour majority

In order to have an overall majority in the next Parliament, Labour must win some of the 21 seats where it is less than 5.0 per cent behind the leader, as well as sweeping its "Must" column.

	%
Upminster	1.9
Southampton Test	2.4
Bosworth	2.4
Lichfield & Tamworth	2.5
Croydon Central	2.5
Welwyn & Hatfield	2.5
Pembroke	2.5
Merioneth (PC held)	2.6
Lincoln (Taverne held)	3.1
Wellingborough	3.2
Leicester South	3.2
Acton	3.4
Braintree	3.7
Beeston	4.1
Wallasey	4.5
High Peak	4.7
Reading North	4.7
Buckingham	4.7
Uxbridge	4.9
Bromsgrove & Redditch	4.9
Caernarvon (PC held)	4.9

Labour must gain

If Labour wins all the seats listed below, its numbers in the House of Commons would rise by 16, keeping it the single biggest party, but one short of an overall majority.

	%
Peterborough	0.04
Hemel Hempstead	0.3
Ipswich	0.4
Nelson & Colne	0.4
Northampton South	0.5
Ilford North	0.6
Bury & Radcliffe	0.6
Berwick & E Lothian	1.1
Bristol NW	1.2
Norfolk NW	1.2
Brentford & Isleworth	1.3
Rochester & Chatham	1.3
Oxford	1.4
Colne Valley (Lib held)	1.4
Bolton West	1.5
Rossendale	1.9

Conservatives must gain

If the Conservatives take all 21 of the seats listed below, the party will be the largest in the next House of Commons. But it would still be one short of an overall majority.

	%
Bodmin (Lib held)	0.0
Sowerby	0.3
Stockport North	0.5
Portsmouth North	0.6
Preston North	0.6
Chorley	0.6
Aldridge-Brownhills	0.7
Middleton & Prestwich	0.8
Coventry SW	0.9
Liverpool Garston	1.1
Plymouth Devonport	1.2
Loughborough	1.2
York	1.3
Berwick on Tweed (Lib held)	1.3
Huddersfield West	1.4
Norwich South	1.7
Keighley	2.0
Derby North	2.0
Paddington	2.2
Gravesend	2.2
Edinburgh Leith	2.3

Conservative majority

If the Conservatives can make gains among the 24 seats below and take the seats in its "Must" column, the party should have an overall majority. If it loses seats to third force parties, it will need to make compensating gains below.

	%
Northampton North	2.6
Ilford South	2.7
Putney	2.7
Brighouse & Spenborough	2.9
Leicester East	2.9
Glouc're West	2.9
Edinburgh Central	3.2
Luton East	3.3
Bolton East	3.4
Kingswood	3.4
Walsall South	3.4
Belper	3.4
Hazel Grove (Lib held)	3.4
Thornaby	3.5
Darlington	4.1
Ealing North	4.1
Birm'ham Yardley	4.2
Brigg & Scunthorpe	4.4
Preston South	4.6
Bradford West	4.6
Renfrewshire West	4.8
Battersea South	4.9
Lewisham West	4.9
Birm'ham Handsworth	4.9

Liberals closest second

For the Liberals to do anything better than make isolated individual gains, the party must take the bulk of the 18 seats below where it was within 10.0 per cent of the winner last time. (Seats Conservative held unless otherwise noted)

	%
Newbury	2.1
Sutton & Cheam	3.5
Aberdeenshire West	3.7
Truro	4.4
Leominster	4.6
Skipton	4.7
Chippenham	5.6
Orpington	6.5
Pudsey	6.8
Hereford	7.6
Southport	7.6
Leeds West (Lab held)	8.6
Richmond on Thames	8.7
Bedfordshire South	8.8
Reading South	9.7
Southend West	9.6
Tiverton	9.7
Caithness & Sutherland (Lab held)	9.9

Plaid Cymru

The two seats held by the Plaid (Merioneth and Caernarvon) are both marginal seats for Labour.

The Plaid finished second, within 20.0 per cent of the winner, in one seat:

Carmarthen (Lab held)	0.0%

Scottish Nationalists

The abnormally high swings by which the SNP won seats in February makes it difficult to adopt a specific criterion of marginality. The following list names the 10 seats in which the SNP candidate, whether second or third, came within 16.0 per cent of the winner. (Winner's name in brackets)

	%
Glasgow Govan (Lab)	2.3
Stirling, Falk'k & Grange'h (Lab)	7.3
West Lothian (Lab)	10.4
Stirling're West (Lab)	11.1
Dunbarton're West (Lab)	12.4
South Angus (Con)	12.8
Ross & Cromarty (Con)	13.1
Galloway (Con)	13.3
Dunbarton're East (Con)	14.3
Hamilton (Lab)	16.0

Ulster

Two seats won by loyalists in February could change hands because there will not be so many candidates splitting the vote for pro-Irish unity candidates.

Mid-Ulster	9.9%
Fermanagh & S Tyrone	17.2%

Professor Richard Rose

The sad tale I find hard to swallow

Bernard Levin

(My apologies to those planning to hang themselves before the weekend, but I have such a lot to say about the new Covent Garden Ring that it won't fit into this space, so despite my promise that you would be hearing from me on the subject today, you will have to wait until Saturday.

"The augurers tell me, we shall have news tonight." I shall await it in my usual semi-recumbent posture (though before leaving the subject I must make a final appeal to Mr Alastair Burnet not to say "Everything still to play for" roughly every 15 seconds from shortly after the polls close until five o'clock the following morning, as he did last time), though on this occasion I am taking the precaution of getting my hair cut first, on the ground that if I am going to be guillotined as soon as it's all over I might as well be looking my best when I sneeze into the sack.

Meanwhile, there is a world elsewhere. "Starving swallows helped to cross the Alps", said the headline, and the story underneath was fittingly exotic. It seems that the swallows which normally fly south at this time of year, the better-educated among them presumably murmuring Goethe's *Kennst du das Land, wo die Zitronen bluh'n* as they go, are in the habit of pausing on the journey to take a bite at a convenient pull-up for swallows. No doubt the wisest ones stop at the swallovian equivalent of the Auberge du Père Bise, or, if they are short of the ready, a *relais routiers* with a casserole symbol in the margin. But it seems that wherever they stop, their diet consists entirely of insects.

Well, it seems that the swallows have been arriving at their usual restaurants to be met, not by the usual smiling *maitre d'hotel*, but by barred doors and shuttered windows, and signs explaining that the place is closed because there are no insects to be had (no doubt the wittier of the restaurateurs in question have simply painted "No grub" on the gate), and there are no insects to be had because the unseasonable weather in those parts, which has been colder and windier than normal, has killed most of them off. No insects, no swallows; the harbingers of summer have been starving in their thousands, and the Swiss authorities, without going so far as to say that unless the swallows are saved there will be no summer at all south of the Alps this year, have mounted a massive rescue operation. They have appealed to Swiss citizens to collect and feed exhausted birds and, as if that wasn't enough to convince nations elsewhere that they are entirely mistaken in their view of the Swiss as a dour and unemotional people, intent only upon the production of Toblerone chocolate (and why, while I am about it, can you not get the green-wrapped kind, which *is* the best, in this country?), over-priced drugs, cuckoo clocks and a special kind of apple suitable for shooting off children's heads, they have actually decreed that all swallows, for the duration of the emergency, can travel free on the Swiss railways. If you are a swallow, you can travel free, from anywhere in Switzerland, to Italy or to the resort of your choice by the Mediterranean. All you have to do is to get somebody to put you in a cardboard box and deliver you to the nearest station with a label on you. If you are a particularly adventurous swallow, you can even go free by Swissair.

So far, so good. The famished swallows are collected by the Swiss bird-lovers when these come back from their day's work yodelling or numbering bank accounts, and when sufficiently recovered off they go to the station or airport in a cardboard box, and it's heigh-ho for Calabria, Monte, Juan-les-Pins or Rabat.

But wait. Just as there is no rose without a thorn, no day without a night, no sin without remorse (though they are, I understand, working on that one), so there is a catch even in this; the appeal urges people to go to swallows' gathering places and there "shake the bushes and trees, or better, light fires under the latter's branches" to drive out insects for the birds to feed on. And at that point of course, the whole scheme comes up against my well-known impersonation of Buridan's ass.

What about the poor bleeding insects, then?

It is all very well to say that the swallows will starve if they do not get enough insects to eat. But you cannot expect the insects to see it that way, and I am afraid you cannot expect me to do so, either.

I am sure that it is a very unpleasant thing for a swallow to starve or freeze; but I am sure that it is no less unpleasant for an insect to be eaten by a swallow, particularly if it is half-roasted first. And after all, the swallows' plight is none of the insects' doing. *They* didn't ask to be killed off by the cold and the wind, and they might well ask—indeed, I do ask on their behalf—why, when that was happening to them, the Swiss Government was not offering *them* buckshee trips at the taxpayers' expense to the Costa Smeralda and points south.

No doubt most Romans at the Colosseum thought that the lions were getting the better of the bargain, and I dare say the Christians thought so too. But a lion kept awake all night afterwards with indigestion might have felt that there was more to the business, and indeed to the Christians, than met the eye. Saki had a word for it:

A mouse which prayed for Allah's aid
Blasphemed when no such aid befell;
A cat which feasted on that mouse
Thought Allah managed vastly well.
Pray not for aid to one who made
A set of never-changing laws;
But in your need remember well,
He gave you speed, or guile, or claws.

But even Allah made no allowance for the Swiss coming along and taking sides. As Heisenberg used to say to me with that peculiarly unpleasant grating laugh of his when we were relaxing over a drink at the *Physicists' Arms*, it all depends on the observer.

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Reginald Maudling

There is no point in voting for a quiet life

My Dear Uncle Ernst,

I said I would write to you again at the end of the campaign with my latest impressions. When you read this letter we should all be going to the polls, and the result should be known within 24 hours. I am not going to try to predict what it will be: there are too many people doing that already, either as professional pollsters or committed politicians. I must say, I do not understand all this passion for constant prediction, I thought we had seen the end of it when Ted Heath got a right and left in Mr Wilson and Dr Gallup in 1970 (and I hope he does again; certainly if integrity, effort and determination count, he deserves to). But the polls have gone on; it seems that no self-respecting newspaper can do without one. The ultimate in whimsy to my mind, is the BBC, who claim to have spent large amounts of money on a computer which will predict the results accurately within half an hour of the polls closing. If they are right, which I doubt, presumably the viewers can all close down at 10.30 pm, leaving the great assembly of pundits and politicians to bedazzle themselves.

I must confess it has been a pretty depressing campaign. The weather has been awful, with the rain falling heavier than the showers of leaflets. And I think, without doubt, people are wearied at a second election within such a short time. After all, the problems and the solutions cannot have changed all that much since February, except that to the ordinary man the problems seem to have got worse and the solutions less convincing. Do you remember Carmen Jones:

"*If you want to light a fire*
where a fire was before,
The coal you use must be new coal."

No doubt there are good reasons for it, but the fact is there has been precious little new coal around.

What I *have* found different this time has been the number of people who are frankly bewildered by claim, counter-claim, argument, and counter-argument. Of course there always are voters who feel this way, but I am sure there are more this time than usual. Mind you, who can blame them? Hegel said that "philosophy progresses not by finding the answers but by progressively clarifying the questions". (Or if it wasn't Hegel, it was that great Hegelian, Professor Mure.) Alas, in this election too many politicians seem to have proceeded on the counter principle that your political position is enhanced by progressively obfuscating the questions.

I sometimes ponder on the relation between politics and philosophy. The trouble is that logical argument produces fewer headlines than aggressive statement, and counterstatement. While it is economics that earns, and rightly earns, the title of the dreary science (look at any of the election broadcasts on economics), one has to accept with Caird that "The Owl of Minerva spreads her wings only with the approach of twilight". Alas, the day of Plato's philosopher kings, or even philosopher politicians seems as far away as ever.

But perhaps there is more in the analogy between politicians and footballers. I have always thought that the British attitude to politics was closely linked to the British attitude to sport. There has always been a cup-tie atmosphere about an election campaign, the same heart warming loyalties, the same unwillingness to accept merit in one's opponents. Is it perhaps only a coincidence that the prestige and authority of Parliament and the prestige and conduct of British soccer are falling at the same time, and if there *is* more to it than a coincidence, *is* it not true that in either case it is the performance on the field that influences the performance of the spectators?

Not that it is quite the same thing. Of course Harold Wilson and Brian Clough are not likely to change places, though it might have been amusing if they had for a short time. Behaviour on the field is different. Politicians do not openly embrace one another in success (think of Cyril Smith and Jeremy Thorpe), and alas, though many referees blow many whistles, no one is actually sent off. How else could Denis Healey have survived after his gross infringement about the 8.4 per cent rate of inflation?

Then there have been a number of own goals scored this time. Tony Crosland scored one or two in the mortgage field. Keith Joseph, I am sorry to say, nearly did the same. Why did he decide to produce his monetary arguments just before the election? They were a gift to Harold Wilson, particularly when Keith was unable to show how his monetary policies could help to solve the immediate problem of inflation without aggravating the immediate problem of unemployment. It is strange how many people neglect the basic principle of electioneering, that even your most enthusiastic supporter cannot vote for you twice over. And then there was Enoch Powell, the greatest own goal scorer of them all.

And so the campaign has proceeded, wet, a little dreary, and certainly adding more to confusion than to enlightenment. We have had our moments of humour, particularly from the Liberal Party (though I must say I could have done without the sight of Cyril Smith licking a stick of rock so mammoth that it was almost big enough to fit him). We have had the Continuing Story of Jeremy and the Magic (American) Helicopter.

So far as our relations with the EEC are concerned, I doubt if much harm had been done. I know how much importance you and our friend, Joseph Luns, have always attached to British membership of the Community. I do not think this will be shaken whatever the result of the election. There was a rather unseemly occasion when Mr Wilson paraded EEC figures, supplied to them by Whitehall, as an independent reference for his economic arguments. I must say, I have heard of people before now writing their own references, but it has normally been for a rather more menial task than Prime Minister, and in any case, I thought it was a practice rather to be deplored. But no harm appears to have been done. If the Conservatives win there is no problem. If the Labour Party wins, there will be troubles, but not a real problem: Britain's fate is settled by events not by politicians in these matters.

But the real issue has been, as I said to you in my previous letter, the issue of inflation and unemployment, the issue of whether people should employ their monopoly power to demand what they require for themselves, under the threat that if disappointed they will bring a halt to the life of the community. This was the problem in February, this is the problem now. It has to be solved one day.

As I told you before, my fear is that many people who vote Labour will do so in the belief that they are voting for a quiet life. Yet there can be no such thing as a quiet life any more for the people of this island.

Those who vote for a quiet life may in fact find, if their vote is the majority, that they have achieved exactly the opposite of what they desired. May it not be so tonight.

Your affectionate Nephew,
Reggie.

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The Times Diary

On eve of poll, nostalgia takes over

You would expect that on election eve the party leaders would be looking, either with hope or with trepidation, to the future. Instead, perhaps finding that prospect too hard to take, their final campaign press conferences were dominated by nostalgia.

For the Conservatives, Edward Heath seemed to be harking back again to the spirit of 1939. "There will not be economic peace in our time" he said. Appeasement would not solve the crisis. Austerity and sacrifice lay ahead. Then Margaret Thatcher weighed in with some rather more pleasant memories—of Harold Macmillan and his hundreds of thousands of houses in the golden fifties.

Harold Wilson, for the other side, was worse. He began with quotations from Churchill and Disraeli, then moved on to Cobden, Churchill again, his (Wilson's) father, Sir Alec Douglas-Home (for whom he had warm words) and again Harold Macmillan, about whom he reminisced with affection.

Only Jeremy Thorpe, relayed electronically from Barnstaple, looked forward. This election, he said, would decide whether things were to get better or worse. In one wildly euphoric answer (I think all that travel by helicopter might have affected his judgment) he was discussing in apparent seriousness the timing of his first budget this year.

The attendance at the conference was back up to the standard of the opening day, possibly greater. Standing room only. At the Liberals, there was interest in the break-in at their party headquarters and the possibility of a Watergate parallel. Arthur Holt, the party president, said nothing much seemed missing except a few silver cups.

Silver cups, I thought? What have the Liberals won recently? So I asked Holt privately and he told me they were to do with "the women's federation, or something". Then he added: "One of them was given to my sister-in-law for recruiting the most members". I like the Liberals' cosy family atmosphere.

Nothing cosy about the Conservatives. With the dismal Whitelaw banished to the regions, Heath appeared with his heavy mob—Margaret Thatcher and Lord Carrington (seated on his right) and Sir Geoffrey Howe (on his left). Carrington was not allowed to say much (remember February?) which left Mrs Thatcher to speak out for the aggressive right.

She referred us all to her nine unbreakable pledges, quickly correcting herself and reducing them to five. Were there four she was not allowed to make? She was at her finest when an earnest, bearded questioner pointed to some barefaced selectivity she had effected with statistics. She looked at him witheringly and simply said: "Touché!"

Heath lost himself *The Times* letter-writer vote by twice misusing the word "media". He referred to something being "in the press and on the media" and then spoke about "the television media". If he loses today, a stint as Diary Editor would be a useful corrective. After Heath had denied responsibility for the Liberal break-in, we all trooped in to watch Harold Wilson's last stand.

Wilson had brought only Denis Healey with him this time.

Healey summed up the comforting Labour message. "Patriotism sits well with determination. It has nothing to do with despair." Wilson wound it up by telling us that he would miss the daily press conferences but that he thought two weeks was enough for a campaign—a sentiment which gained much support from reporters.

If speculation is to be believed, that might have been the last pre-election press conference Wilson will ever host, win or lose. That is not the only reason I shall vote Labour, but he does cheer me up and I am a sucker for nostalgia.

Acrimony

Robin Young's final report from Sutton and Cheam: The campaign ended with a shower of paper and a tinge of acrimony as the parties delivered their last-minute leaflets last night and in the early hours of this morning.

The Liberal election address described Neil Macfarlane as "a junior backbench Tory MP still living in Maidenhead, and seldom seen or heard in Sutton or Parliament". Macfarlane rushed out a personal letter to every house in the constituency rebutting the smear ("a completely untrue statement which would indicate the act of a desperate and irresponsible young man"), and he returns to the theme in his final leaflet ("campaign . . . soured by unfounded personal attacks on me").

Meanwhile a leaflet called *The Hidden Face of the Liberal Party* has been sent to many electors. It shows a South African baby bomb victim "of Liberal terrorism". Conservatives in Sutton and Cheam say it is a disgusting document. Macfarlane calls it "fit only for the dustbin".

The talk at Liberal headquarters is all of dirty tricks. The Liberals claim their telephones have been jammed and that once on their line they could hear Conservatives discussing tactics

The Conservatives had William Whitelaw, the last big name of the campaign, for a walkabout in North Cheam on Tuesday afternoon. "Where are all the people?" grumbled the man from Central Office. "We had a marvellous walkabout in Paddington 10 days ago. Every colour under the sun, wonderful pictures, but none of them could speak English."

Macfarlane said that North Cheam might not be crowded, but the people Whitelaw met were indigenous, and North Cheam and Worcester Park had been neglected in the campaign so far. Worcester Park is still neglected: after an argument in Sainsbury's about whether prices went up faster under Conservatives or Labour, Whitelaw did not have time to go there.

I prefer Labour's projected mild down-turn to the Tories' full-scale disaster...
Marc

Meadowland

In the Meadowland election, the three main party leaders have sent their eve-of-poll messages to voters:

Big Bunny: Remember February. Remember the three-day week. Remember myxomatosis. Remember what Bunny Shirley has done for your lettuce. And remember the hole the squirrels got us into.

Squirrel Ted: Our slogan is National Unity — Tomorrow's Salvation. NUTS to you.

Hedgehog Jeremy: We have a perfect solution to the energy and every other crisis. I refer to our plan for all creatures to hibernate from November to April, as we do. We know millions of creatures actively want this plan to be carried out, but are so in thrall to the two-species system that they dare not say so. We also plan to introduce each-way betting in future elections.

Watch out next week for the result and pictures.

Sniff sniff

As you go to the polls, balance your election fever with the reflection that the sixth annual convention of the Chinese Snuff Bottle Society of America, Inc, is being held in London this week. It is being attended by about 100 delegates, most of them American and some wearing Chinese snuff bottles round their necks.

Bob Stevens, an American collector who lives in Tokyo, lectured on the autistic snuff bottle collector. He has a large and valuable collection and keeps much of it in bank vaults.

He said: "Collecting is like an addiction. You suffer from a state of autism—the inability to relate to reality. You live in the past among old bottles. There was something peculiarly tactile about Chinese snuff bottles: "I love them, I caress them, I hold them to my cheeks."

It is a dwindling market. The Chinese do not make snuff bottles any more.

The BBC fear the worst. A note amending their programme summaries for next Sunday reads: "Gather ye rosebuds postponed."

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PRESIDENT FORD FIGHTS INFLATION

Canadians have said that sharing the North American economy with the United States is like being in bed with a well-meaning elephant. Europeans and others have noted that when the American economy catches cold they may well be visited by bouts of pneumonia. Nor is this surprising for an economy whose national output is greater than that of the whole of the enlarged Common Market and Japan added together.

President Ford's anti-inflationary package on Tuesday must therefore command the liveliest interest in all quarters of the globe. Unfortunately the probable impact of the measures announced by Mr Ford is far from clear. It is not even evident whether they will contribute to a faster or slower recovery from the present American recession and whether they will contribute to a faster or slower rate of inflation.

One reason for this obscurity is that while the President proposes the Congress disposes. The Congress faces mid-term elections next month; and no action on the President's main proposals can possibly be taken before then. When the present Congress reconvenes after the elections to complete its business before the new Congress takes over in the new year, it may well be a "lame-duck" Congress, that is so different in political colour from the new Congress as to lack the necessary authority to carry through any controversial measures.

The new Congress which takes ffice in the new year may well, t least in the House, have such large Democratic majority that resident Ford's Republican olicies will not commend themelves to the new legislators. Whatever the complexion of the ew House it will certainly not act as any kind of rubber-stamp to any President's measures.

Some of President Ford's measures will almost certainly never be carried into effect. Others may be substantially changed before they reach the statute book. It would be surprising, for example, if a House dominated by Democrats did not wish to cut back the concessions to business proposed by the President and to temper the wind to those middle income groups who are asked to pay increased income taxes.

A second reason for uncertainty about the impact of the anti-inflation package lies in the measures themselves. The package includes both reflationary and deflationary measures. Moreover, some of the measures are merely cast in the form of proposals for further study, whose outcome is necessarily uncertain.

Politics being politics those measures which propose higher spending are more likely to survive Congressional debate than those which propose higher taxes, although there is probably also a bias against business and in favour of the personal sector. Improvement in unemployment benefits, other help for the poor and the 5 per cent surtax on companies seem therefore the most probable measures to be carried into effect, while the 5 per cent surtax on medium and upper incomes and the increased investment tax credit to businesses seem less likely to emerge unscathed.

It is also wholly in line with past experience in the United States, as in western Europe, to suppose that political choice will give higher priority to avoiding recession and serious unemployment than to combating inflation. By the time this decade is out inflation may well have reached such heights, after a temporary abatement in the mid-decade, that these priorities will be reversed. But in 1975 this is no more likely in the United States than in Britain.

The same priorities seem likely in the end to dictate monetary policy in the United States. It is true that Dr Arthur Burns, the semi-independent chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, is still fighting a doughty resistance to inflation and has said that he will not countenance any substantial relaxation until effective counter-inflationary measures have been applied in non-monetary quarters. But he also said that "a credit crunch" will be avoided.

On present trends it looks as though Dr Burns will have some difficulty reconciling those two positions; unless the money supply expands *significantly* faster than the going very rapid rate of inflation, a "credit crunch" with the associated wake of bankruptcies and closures will develop within months. The guess again must be that political priorities will in the end prevail and that monetary policy will be relaxed to whatever extent is necessary to avoid a financial convulsion, in the United States again as in Britain.

All of this is consistent with the fulfilment of those "consensus" pre-package forecasts of the United States economy which predicted the present plateau in American output continuing into the first half of next year and beginning to rise gradually thereafter. *This would imply that* unemployment will rise quite strongly until next autumn and more gradually thereafter, but with inflation only responding slowly and marginally to the general emergence of buyers' markets.

BREAKING UP FRENCH BROADCASTING

nmediately after his election st May, President Giscard 'Estaing promised to surprise e French with the scale and pidity of the changes he would troduce. One area in which he as certainly as good as his ord was the organization of rance's state broadcasting serces. Six weeks after he took fice his prime minister, M irac, was able to announce oposals for the abolition of the d French Broadcasting Office RTF) and its replacement by entirely separate companies d an audiovisual research initute. Barely a month after at the proposals had been ished *through both houses of* rliament, not without passione controversy, and had become w.

To act with such haste was to ke an obvious risk. The history the ORTF in the last seven ars had been a very troubled e, riddled with political and rsonal animosities. In 1968 e strike of the ORTF was, for neral de Gaulle and his suprters, one of the most trauatic aspects of the "May ents". De Gaulle regarded ntrol of the ORTF as a trump rd in his hand. ("They have e press, I have the television", was once alleged to have said) e revolt of the ORTF emoyees under left-wing leaderip in the name of freedom of ormation, with the enthusias- participation of supposedly eliable" journalists, was thus tamount to a mutiny of the aetorian Guard.

The strike was therefore lowed by a firm "remise en re" which included an tensive purge. Then in 1969 re was a further reorganizan, this time in a more liberal ection, initiated by M Jacques aban-Delmas. News promes on the first television channel became less obsequiously respectful of the government, to the intense irritation of Gaullist backbenchers. M Chaban-Delmas's *downfall in 1972 was partly* precipitated by the discovery of a major scandal in the ORTF involving clandestine advertising.

This time the heads of both the Chairman and Director-General of the Office rolled. President Pompidou reasserted his authority and appointed a highly political figure, M Arthur Conte, to take the Office in hand. M Conte, until then himself a Gaullist deputy, was bitterly attacked by the opposition. But a year later he transformed himself into a left-wing *hero* by publicly accusing the Minister of Information of political interference and so provoking his own dismissal by the President.

After so many upheavals, the new President might have been well advised to proceed with circumspection. But that apparently is not his way. He perhaps reflected that whatever measures he adopted were bound to arouse opposition from somewhere, and that the faster he acted the less chance that opposition would have to stop him. He has succeeded at least to the extent that the present strike is not aimed at reversing the abolition of the ORTF as such. The strikers recognize this as a *fait accompli*. But by demanding security of tenure for all the Office's former employees they make the creation of the new companies much more difficult and have already shown up some serious defects in the new law.

The government had sought to justify its very sweeping reform partly by referring to the ORTF's financial difficulties. A report drawn up by M Roger Chinaud, one of the new President's close political associates, described the "collapse" of the ORTF's accounting system and accused it of taking no interest in the market value of its high-budget productions. Yet few people can believe that seven separate organizations, each with its own staff of highly paid executives, will actually work out any cheaper than the old centralized structure. Moreover, the government has now been obliged to accept the trade unions' argument that it was itself responsible for the ORTF's deficit.

Meanwhile M Marceau Long, the retiring head of the ORTF, has urged the heads of the six new companies to recruit no new staff until the question of the status of the existing staff has been settled; and the parliamentary "intergroup" on information problems has unanimously expressed its anxiety about the results of "the precipitate introduction of new state television and radio companies, which can only harm the legitimate interests of the employees and the production of programmes corresponding to the public's wishes".

The President and his advisers may well feel that they are being treated unjustly. The new law is undoubtedly intended as a bold attempt to break the much-denounced government stranglehold on broadcasting without bringing in commercial television, to which both the Gaullists and the left are strongly opposed. Yet apparently no one is satisfied. The Gaullists accuse the government of secretly preparing to bring in private enterprise at a later stage. The left complain that the heads of the new companies have been chosen by political criteria. The employees make both charges, and in any case are opposed to any reform which might threaten their *own jobs. The controversy* seems likely to outlive this President as it has the last two.

rt colleges in Wales

m Mr Rollo Charles and others

During the course of this cen- y, and increasingly during the t 25 years, Wales has for the t time in its history developed international reputation in the al arts. This rests not only on h names as Ceri Richards and id Jones, but also on artists in les who have in the past two ades exhibited and been aimed in Scotland, Ireland, Ger- y, England, the United States, land and France. In December exhibition of the 56 Group Wales open for three months at the seum of Fine Arts at Nantes, ng its place in a sequence of bitions of work of the highest rnational standard.

his emergence of Welsh art and high quality of its exhibitions in Wales and elsewhere has due in the main to the work rtists teaching in the colleges rt at Cardiff and Newport.

ew artists can now live by the of their art, and few can now n their craft elsewhere than in art college. Any nation which s to maintain and develop an tic expression must therefore art colleges of distinction, to attract and to retain estabed artists and to train emerging nt. It is now proposed that the colleges of Wales be absorbed colleges of further education, be denied university or polynic status. If this occurs it will he reasonable ambition of artists eave them to work in those eges in England which enjoy the er status. Talented Welsh h would reasonably seek to w the same road.

othing could be more damaging to Welsh art than this reversion to the very cause of the past poverty of Welsh culture: that from the Renaissance Wales had no teaching institutions of its own, but was dependent on the geographically close but culturally distinct schools and colleges of England.

If the recognition apparently now given to Welsh cultural nationhood has any meaning beyond superficial political expediency it is difficult to see how the denial of even one art college in Wales associated with the university or polytechnic can be justified.

Yours faithfully,

Rollo Charles,
Alun Oldfield Davies,
Arthur Giardelli,
John Piper,
Dewi Prys Thomas,
R. S. Thomas,
Wynford Vaughan Thomas,
David Tinker,
As from the Golden Plover,
Warren, Pembroke.
October 4.

Threat of starvation

From Mr Peter Simpson

Sir, I read with great distress the article in *The Times* of September 30 that millions face death by starvation in the coming year because of a serious shortfall in this year's harvest, and I simply want to say this: is there a politician anywhere willing to take up this cause, which surely everyone must agree is far more important that any of the issues being disputed in the present election campaign?

As your article states, the solution lies with the West to either cut down its purchase of food or buy up grains that would otherwise be fed to livestock and sell these on concessionary terms to the countries in need. America has no surplus this time and we have about three months to redistribute the world's food where it's needed. Will a British politician please act?

Yours faithfully,
PETER SIMPSON,
Fair Acre,
Upper Drive,
Sandelswood End,
Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.
October 1.

European poultry rules

From Mr Ernest Wistrich

Sir, The worries about European Community directives covering poultry, which were expressed by Mr John Marriot on behalf of public health inspectors are unfounded. He claimed that the directives of poultry inspections were due to apply from February 1976 and would increase prices and cause many problems to small producers.

The facts are that *so far* as Britain is concerned the Commission has now proposed a delay to 1980 before the system is applied in Britain, whereas the British negotiators are actually asking for 1982. Whether this system will at all apply in six or eight years time is a matter for conjecture. In any case there is plenty of time left for public health inspectors to make their case in Brussels.

Yours faithfully,
ERNEST WISTRICH, Director,
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1a Whitehall Place, SW1.
October 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election issues: problem of choice facing the voters

From Mr Michael Rubinstein

Sir, Each of the three main parties advocates some policies which I would support and some which I would oppose. Other people who are as yet undecided how to vote may prefer the policies of which I do not approve, and *vice versa*. When invited to vote for a Conservative candidate if one favours a coalition in principle, the voter may well wonder whether he would not be voting into power a Government which, when the time comes, will seek to promote only or mostly those policies which he himself would not wish to support.

A wider basis of common agreement may be taken for granted for a war-time coalition. In present circumstances a coalition is inappropriate precisely because of the absence of general agreement on the best practical methods to deal with a variety of crises, in relation to all of which voters feel—and, whether they admit it or not, politicians are—relatively ignorant and helpless.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN,
5 & 6, Raymond Buildings,
Grays Inn, WC1.
October 4.

From Mr Peter Cowell

Sir, Mr Bingham writes (October 9): "As a lifelong Tory, I believe it would be extremely damaging to the real interests of my party if we were to win the general election" because, for one reason, the Tory party might be destroyed by the coming crisis, and he concludes: "For these reasons, Tories will do a disservice to their party if they vote Tory on October 10." Mr Bingham puts his party before his country.

As a lifelong Briton, I believe it would be extremely damaging to my country if the party least able to deal with the crisis were to win and the party best able were to lose the general election. If the party best able to deal with the crisis were to win and, in saving my country from disaster, were to be destroyed in the process that is small loss compared with the great gain of saving my country.

For that reason Tories who consider their party to be the best able to deal with the crisis will do a disservice to their country if they do not vote Tory on October 10.

Yours faithfully,
PETER COWELL,
3 New Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
October 9.

From Lord Netherthorpe

Sir, The fate of our nation hangs in the balance. Polling day on Thursday will decide whether we face the current economic crisis with resolution through national unity of purpose or accelerate the slide towards catastrophe through failure to recognize the gravity of our predicament and allow selfish sectional interests to tear the nation apart.

Any prudent housewife who shares control of the family purse strings knows full well that when her financial prospects are in a precarious state firm action has to be taken to redress the position. Either earnings must increase or outgoings be reduced by spending less, or a combination of both. The alternatives are either insolvency, living on credit, or acceptance of a lower standard of living.

So, too, with the nation and as of now Britain is in a sorry plight. The analogy is complete in that as a nation we must earn more currency overseas through increasing exports of goods and services and spend less overseas by saving imports, not least through expanding our agricultural production which in itself is a certain import saver. All national resources need to be employed effectively to generate the greatest possible national wealth. Without any doubt the private sector, including agriculture, produces the greater part of our national wealth. Its maximization is imperative if we are to be able to provide for the social needs of our populace and the capital funding for growth and development in the nationalized industries as well as the necessary new investment needed within industry and commerce in the private sector.

The Labour Party and certainly the trade unions have no right to claim that they hold a monopoly of the social conscience of Britain—indeed on the contrary. Every thinking person is desirous of improving the lot of his fellow men. Prudence in the deployment of available resources for these purposes, however, must be exercised so that the ability of the nation as a whole to continue to fund their provision is not jeopardized by overloading the machine either too heavily or too rapidly so as to cause the national engine to "stall".

This is a risk which must be minimized. The role of government therefore must be to facilitate and not inhibit the growth and development of the wealth creating potential of goods and services, particularly in the private sector, but naturally also in the nationalized industries and public services. The avoidance of unwarranted interference by government in the productive endeavours of wealth producing enterprises is vital to national well being.

To secure the necessary political, economic and financial climate within which fruitful effort can be nurtured is vital. Thus Mr Edward Heath's proclaimed intention of seeking national unity of purpose is to be acclaimed and, I trust, fostered. Support for him to this end by returning a Conservative candidate is the best assurance whilst support for the concept of national unity at this perilous time is a must.

Yours faithfully,
NETHERTHORPE,
Hadley Hurst,
Hadley Common,
Barnet, Hertfordshire,
October 7.

From Mr Aubcron Waugh

Sir, Having been denounced with others by Mr Bernard Levin, I think unfairly, for having "giggled and squeaked" our way to the conclusion that no useful purpose would be served by voting in the present election, may I clarify the attitude of at least one of the eleven million-odd citizens who won't have voted when the count is finished?

I do not doubt that catastrophe is imminent, merely that our parliamentary institutions offer any credible programme to meet it. Under the circumstances I do not see that the survival of our party system in its present form is necessary or even particularly desirable, nor am I particularly frightened by the thought that the final collapse will be presided over by the left.

What will emerge after the new parliament has been thrown into the Thames is bound, in the nature of things, to be some sort of Gaullist constitution, requiring a man of wisdom and stern moral fibre at its helm. No doubt other candidates will be suggested but offhand I can only think of you, Sir, or Mr Levin. Be comforted that I will be the first to strew rose petals in your path.

Squeak, squeak,
AUBERON WAUGH,
Combe Florey House,
Taunton,
Somerset.
October 9.

Effect of nationalization

From Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, FRS

Sir, Isn't it time that the Labour leaders told us in what way nationalization is supposed to help this country out of its economic difficulties? There is, of course, the underlying implication that the militant trade union leaders want it, and if they get it, they will stop disrupting the national economy.

We have seen all too often that nationalization confers immense power on the union leaders in the nationalized industries. So much so that they can hold the nation to ransom.

It surprises me that it seems not to be generally realized that the nationalized industries are every bit as important to national security as the armed forces and should be regarded as such. Even to the point where the fomenting of unrest and disruption on the railways, in the mines, power stations, etc, should be treated as sedition, and that, in the national interest discipline should be enforced as it is in the fighting services. It should not be possible for the actions of four signalmen to disrupt the operations of the Southern Region of British Railways, as recently happened.

When are any of our political leaders going to have the guts to grasp the nettle and say that no member of a nationalized industry or the Civil Service may belong to a trade union. As long as recruitment is voluntary, wages, salaries and conditions of service would *have* to be good enough to attract the necessary manpower.

As for nationalization itself, I was once a socialist and firmly believed in it. I was naive enough to think that the sense of national service would generate a morale, tradition, and esprit-de-corps comparable with that of the fighting services. The very opposite has happened. I thought that everyone would cooperate in the "social body" as do the cells in the human body. I overlooked two basic weaknesses in this argument; first, that the body structure has taken millions of years to evolve and, secondly, that over-specialization of such organs as the brain, heart, etc, makes it all too easy for a mortal wound to be inflicted.

As many will know, I have had personal and bitter experience of the effects of nationalization when Power Jets Limited was nationalized by Sir Stafford Cripps in 1944, and then all but a rump of the government company was changed into the National Gas Turbine Establishment in 1946. These events set back jet development in the United Kingdom by many years.

Our plans for power plant for the experimental supersonic Miles M52 came to nothing when the contract for the M52 was cancelled. Even worse, our high by-pass turbo-fan engine, the LR1, was stopped and we, who founded the jet aircraft industry, were deprived of the right to design and develop engines. The much quieter turbo-fan now dominates the jet aircraft world after an unnecessary delay of at least 20 years (my first turbo-fan patent dates back to 1936). Further, millions of pounds of the tax payers' money has been spent on the NGTE and what is there to show for it compared with what we did with about £100,000 (starting with £2,000 of private money)?

Yours faithfully,
FRANK WHITTLE,
Walland Hill,
Chagford.
Devon.

Mathematics of democracy

From Mr Bernard Dix

Sir, Now that Lord Carnarvon has demonstrated the mathematics of democracy with his brief essay on trade union elections (October 3) perhaps he would care to comment on the study in the current issue of *Lloyds Bank Review* which estimates that the average attendance of shareholders at company annual general meetings is 0.27 per cent of the total?

It may well be that Lord Carnarvon will argue, as have others, that there is a difference in that shareholders cast their votes on the basis of the capital they have invested in the company and it is therefore possible for a microscopic minority of the shareholders to represent the majority of capital. In which case it would be interesting to have another brief essay from Lord Carnarvon on the relationship between democracy and wealth, which is a matter of considerable interest to trade unionists during the current general election campaign.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD DIX, Research Officer,
National Union of Public Employees,
Civic House,
Aberdeen Terrace, SE3.

The arts and VAT

From Mr Norman St John-Stevas

Sir, Mr K. Gosling, your arts reporter, states that Labour proposes to remove VAT from the creative arts. While, of course, I would welcome this, the truth is that although Mr Hugh Jenkins has publicly stated that he has been pressing the Chancellor to free the arts from this tax, there is, unfortunately, no commitment of any kind on the point. On the other hand, the Conservative Party has made a specific pledge to support the proposal of the European Commission that the arts, including the work of the living artist, should be freed from VAT. As soon as this becomes European Community policy we shall follow it in Britain.

Neither the Labour Party nor the Liberal Party has given any such undertaking.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN ST JOHN-STEVAS,
1 Hampstead Square,
Hampstead, NW3.

ITN pay settlement

From the Editor of ITN

Sir, Mrs Elizabeth Mason (October 9) is unjust to accuse *News at Ten* of double standards in giving details of the Ford pay offer and staying silent on ITN's own settlement.

Normal news values were strictly applied to both stories, regardless of ITN's involvement. 53,000 Ford workers are affected, compared with 75 ITN journalists, and there is no reason to suppose the social contract was breached in the ITN case; the *settlement was at 19 per cent with* various complicated improvements to special payments for work peculiar to ITN journalists: there was a public statement to this effect.

Why did we not say all this in *News at Ten*? If a newscaster talked non-stop through a *News at Ten* programme he could deliver almost 3,000 words: *The Times* (which carried the statement) prints about 130,000 words of news and sport daily. ITN has to give priority to the most important news—the general election campaign, for example.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL RYAN,
Independent Television News Ltd,
ITN House,
48 Wells Street, W1.

Sign of the times

From Mr B. S. Nelson

Sir, *The Times* may cost the same as one share in British Leyland, as writes Mr T. Green (October 3), but it is still cheaper than a cup of British Rail coffee.

Yours faithfully,
B. S. NELSON,
30 Denton Grove,
Walton-on-Thames,
Surrey.

'Twere ever thus

From Mr F. A. Rush

Sir, I have received, through channels which it would be tedious to trace (except to assure you that I am no medium), the following communication from James Anthony Froude (1818-94), late Regius Professor of Modern History in the University of Oxford.

He is persuaded that he would perform a posthumous service to his country at this time by reproducing a number of extracts from material written about the year 1870 and contained in his *Short Studies on Great Subjects*. A letter in *The Times* would, he thinks, introduce an element of historical perspective of benefit to all its readers. I forward the extracts in accordance with his wishes.

"The state is split in two. Parties form which have an interest of their own beyond the interest of the community. The Conservatives, to prevent the alienation of their friends, defend the indefensible, and cling obstinately to the abuses which they ought to abhor: while the Radicals invent new theories of Government, and fly passionately at principles which lie at the root of social organization. The more sober-minded on either side rely on their antagonists to correct the excesses of their own extravagance: yet, instead of acting as a check, each section, by its *one-sidedness*, excites and justifies the violence of the other. The result is a waste of power in a perpetual battle; the practical ability of statesmen is neutralized for all purpose of guidance and authority by their mutual antagonism, the State itself meanwhile drifting before the prevailing wind.

"The state of things among us has been called anarchy plus the policeman. Luxury is encouraged as a stimulus to labour. . . . Personal morality is the affair of the individual. . . . A tenderness is creeping up towards murderers and rogues of all kinds. Armies of burglars are perfectly well known to the police—men who make no pretence of having other means of livelihood. To commercial fraud we are yet more tender. . . . Where money is the measure of worth the wrong persons are always uppermost. . . . No prudent man will now venture to walk in the London streets unless his will is made, his affairs in order, and a cardcase is in his pocket that his body may be identified. . . .

"Government is inefficient. . . . It changes so frequently that a minister is superseded before he comes to understand his work. Mr —— is occupied incessantly with petty thoughts of how he can keep his party together. He must fawn and flatter, and make himself common upon platforms, and give honour where honour is not due, and withhold it where he knows it should be bestowed. He is little less helpless than the meanest (of the electorate) to do what he knows their welfare demands. . . . Able statesmen can usually see further than the multitude. They are employed by half the nation to beat the other half, and are to know no other obligation. The waste of ability is enormous. . . .

"The two parties which divide the country represent each a form of thought which is the complement of the other. *Her Majesty's Government* is incomplete without Her Majesty's Opposition. It may be difficult, but it cannot be impossible, to unite the energies which are now exhausted in neutralizing one another, and make available such political intelligence as we possess for some more wholesome and enduring administration. We must not and cannot remain at the mercy of parliamentary intrigues or the transient gusts of popular opinion."

Yours faithfully,
F. A. RUSH,
141 Salmons Lane,
Whyteleafe, Surrey.
October 4.

Needless fatalism about inflation

From Professor J. P. Stern

Sir, It is misleading and mischievous for journalists and politicians to harp on the parallel between the German hyperinflation of 1923 and the present situation in this country. The causes of the German inflation were either the opposite of, or irrelevant to, those of the current British inflation: among them was the desire to pay off reparations on the cheap. Demands for higher wages were not among these causes, if only because the German workers had no negotiating power; on the contrary, manufacturers hoarded goods and used *their* power to hold the workers to ransom.

It is equally nonsensical to say that the German inflation created Hitler: in fact some nine years elapsed between the Schacht-Luther financial reforms which cured the hyperinflation, and the National Socialist assumption of power in February 1933.

Nothing, it seems to me, is so frightening in the present situation as these professions of historical fatalism. Peoples' conduct is determined *not* by what happened in a previous situation which they think *is similar to the present*, but by *their belief* that their conduct is determined *by a previous situation they* think similar.

Yours, &c,
J. P. STERN,
Department of German,
University College London,
Gower Street, WC1.

Katyn memorial

From Olive, Lady Antrobus

Sir, If any doubts about the propriety of erecting the Katyn Memorial remain in anyone's mind, they must have been dispelled by the two letters you published in your issue for October 2. The Rector of St Luke's put forward a number of paltry reasons against this monument, and in contrast the two Polish chairmen replied with quiet dignity, and with a touching sense of gratitude, as guests in our country. Surely, we have a duty, as their hosts, to give them the very little thing they ask, in some small return for all they did for us at our hour of need.

I greatly hope that the letters you are publishing will enable the Church to see the matter in a more charitable and proper light. Only the Church can provide hallowed ground, and thus, in part, ensure a more sanctified place for remembrance, than mass-graves of Katyn.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVE ANTROBUS,
West Amesbury House,
Amesbury,
Wiltshire.

Police opinions in court

From Mr Barry Mordsley

Sir, With reference to Dr T. L. Hobday's letter (September 28), there is an obvious reason why police officers should not express their views in court regarding sentence while probation officers should. In our accusatorial system of justice, the police act as prosecutors whereas the probation officers act as impartial advisers to the court. It is a fundamental tenet of our legal system that the prosecutor should not act as a judge in his own cause.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY L. MORDSLEY,
Lecturer in Law,
School of Business Studies,
City of London Polytechnic,
84 Moorgate, EC2.

Detained in Chile

From Mr Geoffrey Bindman and Mr David Stephen

Sir, You reported on September 28 that Anselmo Sule had been re-arrested in Chile. This is a blow to those who hoped that the anniversary of the military coup on September 11 would signal the restoration of human rights to those who supported the former government.

Sule is a respected leader of the Radical Party, which was a moderating influence in Allende's Popular Unity coalition. The Radical Party is a democratic socialist party, like the British Labour Party, and, along with it, a member party of the Socialist International.

Sule's release on June 28, after imprisonment without charge or trial for nine months in conditions of extreme hardship at Dawson Island in the Antarctic and detention incommunicado in an army barracks, was welcomed as a conciliatory response to protests from outside Chile. When we were in Chile (on behalf of the Socialist International) in August we were able to talk freely with him.

But his renewed detention, the continued detention of thousands of others, waves of new arrests in recent weeks, and persistent reports of killings and tortures, make it only too clear that the Junta's policy of rule by terror has in no way *changed. The need for external pressure* to restore human rights in Chile is as great as it has ever been.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY BINDMAN
DAVID STEPHEN,
249 Grays Inn Road, WC1.

Planting trees

From Mr Antony Turner

Sir, Mr R. S. Hopking's suggestion (October 5) that we should all plant acorns before October 10 recalls a story told about Marshal Lyautey, the distinguished French soldier and Colonial Administrator.

General Lyautey, as he was then, was appointed Résident Général in Morocco in 1912. One of his first orders was that an avenue of cypresses should be planted without delay in front of the Residency. When an aide protested that it would be 50 years before the trees grew to any maturity, the General is said to have replied: "Well then, there is not a moment to lose."

Yours faithfully,
ANTONY TURNER,
Hill House Farm,
Beare Green,
Nr Dorking, Surrey.

COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 9. The Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Royal College of Organists' Dinner at the Savoy Hotel.

Miss Jane Pugh was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent will lay the foundation-stone of the extension to the Carlisle swimming baths and will open the Cumberland Federation of Women's Institutes' Exhibition in Carlisle on November 22.

Birthdays today

Sir Arnold Ennor, 62; Sir Herbert Janes, 90; Professor Charles Madge, 62; Dr Roger Manvell, 65; Sir Albert Margai, 64; Mr Harold Pinter, 44; Sir Lindsay Ride, 76; Mr Reginald R. Tomlinson, 89; Sir John Wilson, 76.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev K. R. Cheeseman, curate of St James's with St Augustine's, Beckenham, diocese of Rochester, to be Vicar of St Augustine's, Belvedere, same diocese.

Diocese of St Asaph

Canon J. J. Jones, Vicar of Llanrhos, to be Archdeacon of St Asaph's.

The Rev T. G. Davies, Vicar of Cwm, diocese of Monmouth, to be Vicar of Colwyn Bay.

The Rev P. D. Robert, Rural Dean of Rhos and Vicar of Colwyn, to the canonry of Ricardi Harrison.

Luncheons

British Council

Mr J. D. B. Fowells, Assistant Director-General of the British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Hyde Park Hotel in honour of Dr Sjarif Thajeb, Minister of Education and Culture, Indonesia.

West Africa Committee

The West Africa Committee gave a luncheon yesterday in honour of the High Commissioner for Ghana at the Travellers' Club. The chairman, Mr W. T. G. Gates, presided.

Dinners

Admiralty Board

The Admiralty Board entertained Vice-Admiral E. Cioppa, Head of the Naval Section, Defence Support Division, Nato, and Mrs Cioppa, at dinner at Admiralty House last night. Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin presided, accompanied by Lady Griffin, and among those present were:

Vice-Admiral and Mrs J. G. Jungius, Captain and Mrs P. D. Nichol, Captain and Mrs G. V. P. Crowden, Captain I. S. Macgillivray, Captain and Mrs J. P. Barker, Commander and Mrs D. J. Long, Commander and Mrs D. B. Johnson.

Marriages

Hon Brinsley Le Poer Trench and Mrs M. A. Spong

The marriage took place quietly in London on October 9, between the Hon Brinsley Le Poer Trench and Mrs Mildred Alleyn Spong.

Mr A. Bamford and Miss C. Whitt

The marriage took place on October 3 at the Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton, of Mr Anthony Bamford, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Bamford, of Wootton, Ellastone, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and Miss Carole Whitt, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold Whitt, of Edwalton, Nottingham.

Mr R. A. Cookson and Dr E. A. M. Aitchison

The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, October 5, at Chelsea Old Church, between Mr Roland Cookson and Dr Anne Aitchison. The Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Gavin Reed, and Professor Richard Cookson was best man.

Mr J. Crookshank and Mrs D. Green

The marriage took place quietly on October 5, at Chichester Register Office, between Mr John Crookshank and Mrs Diana Green.

Mr M. Park and Miss A. G. Graham

The marriage took place at St James's, Piccadilly, yesterday, of Mr Mungo Park, son of Mr and Mrs Mungo Park, of Carraig Breac, Baily, co Dublin, and Miss Anna Georgina Graham, daughter of Major and Mrs J. P. N. Graham, of Kilifi, Kenya.

Mr R. W. Wagstaff and Miss V. M. H. Temperley

The marriage took place quietly on Saturday at St Anselm's, Kennington Cross, of Mr Robert Wagstaff, son of Mrs M. Lewis, of Higham Ferrers, and the late Mr E. Wagstaff, and Miss Virginia Temperley, only daughter of Professor and Mrs H. N. V. Temperley, of Thorney, Langport, Somerset.

Lord Chancellor

The Lord Chancellor gave a dinner last night at Lancaster House in honour of members of the French judiciary. The guests included:

M Reliquet, Avocat-General of the Cour de Cassation, and Mme Reliquet, Juge Borgeret, Court of Appeal, and Mme Bergeret, M Le Procureur de la République Tabuleau and Mme Tabuleau: the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Widgery, the President of the Family Division and Lady Baker and the Vice-Chancellor and Lady Plowman.

Mr M. R. Nathan

After the opening of the George Ravenscroft and 300 years of Lead Glass exhibition at the Science Museum yesterday, Mr Michael R. Nathan, the Master of the Glass Sellers' Company, gave a dinner party

Society of County Secretaries

The first annual dinner of the Society of County Secretaries was held at the Law Society's Hall, WC2, yesterday. The guests included Mrs Elizabeth Coker, Vice-Chairman of the Association of County Councils, Sir Douglas Allen, Head of the Home Civil Service and chairmen of county councils. Mr Dennis Butler, County Solicitor and Clerk of the Wiltshire County Council and chairman of the society, presided.

3 Course Dinner in London 7½p

(The Friendship is free)

London is a lonely, friendless place for the homeless and for many of the old people who have been left behind in dismal rooms. Some are just bewildered by life today, some are problem people. All of them need friendship even more than material aid—though plenty need a simple square meal.

The Hoxton Centre, with aid from Help the Aged, provides both. Friendship from hardworking young people like 'Kipper' who does a round among down and outs till the small hours; and Judith who gives old Mrs. White almost the only visits she gets. "Loneliness", says Judith, "can do terrible things to old people. We hope to show her that somebody cares."

Their devoted, realistic help enables us to provide a nourishing meal for 7½p (yes, even in 1974), holidays at exceptionally low cost, and soon a workroom where they can make friends and a little money to eke out their pensions.

These young workers are giving their lives to helping those in great need. We need to back them with the essential funds they need. Please send your generous gift quickly to:

Hon. Treasurer,
The Right Hon. Lord Maybray-King,
Help the Aged, Room T8C,
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London, W1A 2AP

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. G. Quarrelle and Miss S. M. L. Le Bailly

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Nicholas Quarrelle, Royal Artillery, son of Mr and Mrs R. B. Quarrelle, of Woodberry Lane, Rowlands Castle, and Susanna, eldest daughter of Vice-Admiral Sir Louis and Lady Le Bailly.

Mr S. E. Anstey and Miss J. M. Sedgwick Rough

The engagement is announced between Simon Edward, son of Brigadier and Mrs E. W. Anstey, of 132 Stormont Road, Scone, Perthshire, and June Maribel, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Sedgwick Rough, of Queenbury, Reed, Royston, Hertfordshire.

Mr M. F. B. Bell and Mrs M. C. E. Harwood

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place of Mervyn Bell, Stocks House, Walberswick, and Mary Harwood, widow of Alfred Henry Fairfax Harwood, Redmay, Walberswick.

Surgeon Rear Admiral (D) A. E. Cadman and Miss M. C. Macdonald

The engagement is announced between Surgeon Rear-Admiral (D) A. E. Cadman, QHDS, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, and Miss Mary Macdonald, Superintendent, WRNS, elder daughter of the late Mr A. H. Macdonald and of Mrs G. M. Macdonald, of Ceres, Fife. The marriage will take place quietly in the new year.

Mr R. M. Clark and Miss M. C. Shennan

The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr Kyrle Clark and the late Mrs Carrie Clark, of Reigate, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Shennan, of Merstham, Surrey.

Mr C. J. Crockett and Miss J. Newbery

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Crockett, of Northampton, and Joanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. K. Newbery, of Lintons, Summerhouse Road, Godalming, Surrey.

Mr A. W. Ewart James and Miss E. S. White

The engagement is announced between Andrew William, younger son of his Honour Judge and Mrs W. H. Ewart James, of Westfield, Upton Grey, Hampshire, and Elizabeth Scott, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. White, of 9 Thayer Street, W1, and Kirklee, West Chiltington, Sussex.

Mr P. R. H. Gateley and Miss C. J. E. Turner

The engagement is announced between Patrick Robert Henry, only son of the late Mr T. P. Gateley, MBE, and Mrs M. B. Gateley, of Delhi, India, and Newton Ferrers, Devon, and Cornelia Jane Elisabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Cornelius Turner, of Yarm, Yorkshire, and Newton Ferrers.

Mr R. W. Gollance and Miss J. A. Rush

The engagement is announced between Rodney Wilfred Gollance, of Cheyne Gardens, London, and Julia Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. L. G. Rush, of Summerhill Cottage, Downs Wood, Epsom, Surrey.

Mr C. D. Mason and Miss L. S. Downie

The engagement is announced between Charles Douglas, elder son of Mr and Mrs John L. Mason, of The Wilderness, Crowborough, Sussex, and Linda Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman P. Downie, of Hongkong and Huntington, Mark Cross, Sussex.

Mr J. W. G. Prynne and Miss M. K. Greenhead

The engagement is announced between John William Gordon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. G. Prynne, of Eagles, The Warren, East Horsley, Surrey, and Marianne Kristina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G. C. S. Greenhead, of Little Felbrigg, Farm Lane, East Horsley, Surrey.

The marriage arranged between Dr Peter Collins and Miss Venetia Russell will not take place.

Latest wills

Residue shared by nine charities

Miss Lilla Mary Spalding, of Shobnall, Burton upon Trent, left £267,464 net (duty paid, £87,225). After personal legacies of £2,950, she left the residue equally to nine charities.

Mr George Durrant, of Bournemouth, left £45,548 net (no duty shown). After bequests of £7,800, he left half the residue among four charities and half to Liverpool University.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Hamond-Graeme, Lady, of Thetford (duty paid, £12,079) £72,829
Jones, Mr Percy Ivor, of Abergavenny (no duty shown) £137,958
Lindsay, Mr Lawrence, of Shipley (duty paid, £79,112) .. £167,491
Mackintosh, Mr Robert James, of Folkestone (duty paid, £224,739) £377,420
Oke, Mrs Vera Grace Adelaide, of Datchet (duty paid, £56,250) £150,893
Pullen, Mr Arthur William Baker, of Westbury-on-Trym (duty paid, £111,485) £311,891
Ransom, Mr Christopher, of Budleigh Salterton (duty paid, £100,746) £256,913

Receptions

Mr A. George and Miss V. V. Reily Collins

Commander and Mrs Reily Collins held a reception yesterday at the Saddlers' Hall, EC2, after the marriage of Mr Anthony George and their daughter Miss Verité Valda Reily Collins. The honeymoon is being spent in Egypt.

Ministry of Defence

A reception was given yesterday evening at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, by Major-General A. J. Archer, Director of Army Staff Duties in the Ministry of Defence, to mark the visit to the Ministry of Defence of the Chairman, Military Agency for Standardization, Major-General W. C. Leonard, and the agency's Army Board from HQ Nato, Brussels. Among the guests were Major-General and Mrs Leonard, General Sir Charles Jones, Governor of the Royal Hospital, and Lady Jones, and representatives of Nato countries.

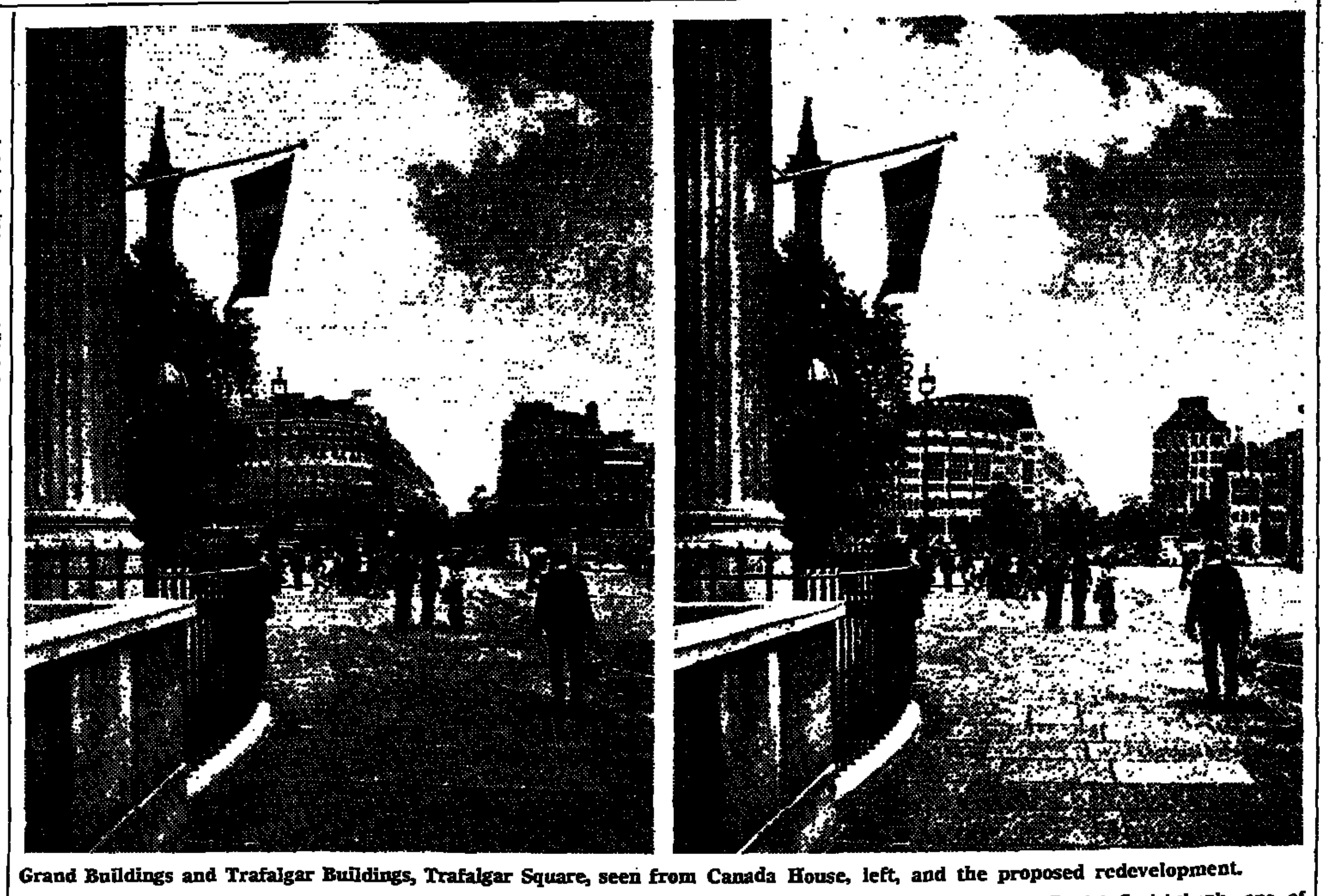
University news

Oxford

The following have been admitted as pro-vice chancellors: Mr K. C. Turpin, Provost of Oriel; Mr J. B. Bamborough, Principal of Linacre; Mr E. Williams, Warden of Rhodes House; Lord Blake, Provost of Queen's; Dr J. N. Kelly, Principal of St Edmund Hall; and Dr H. Chadwick, Dean of Christ Church.

Elections:

BRASENOSE COLLEGE. Senior Hulme scholarships: J. S. Virdee, open scholar, formerly of Emanuel S; J. K. Hilton, open scholar, formerly of Canford S.
CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE. Organ scholarship: T. P. Saunders, King's S, Taunton.
ST PETER'S COLLEGE. Organ scholarship: D. M. Andrew, Brighton, Hove and Sussex GS.



Grand Buildings and Trafalgar Buildings, Trafalgar Square, seen from Canada House, left, and the proposed redevelopment.

Trafalgar Square plan criticized

By John Young
Planning Reporter

Plans for the redevelopment of the south-east corner of Trafalgar Square, London, are already embroiled in controversy, although the details were submitted to Westminster City Council only yesterday and do not go on public display until next Monday.

An article criticizing the plans, in this week's issue of *The Architects' Journal*, was described by Colonel Richard Seifert, one of the architects of the scheme, as a misrepresentation and a travesty of the facts. It had, he said, been deliberately produced to indoctrinate people's fair and impartial views and was grossly misleading.

The scheme involves demolishing Grand Buildings, on the corner of the Strand and Northumberland Avenue, and a group of buildings on the facing corner of Northumberland Avenue and Whitehall. Applications for outline planning permission for both sites were submitted in 1971, office development permits having already been granted.

Both corner buildings are landmarks, although neither is architecturally outstanding. Grand Buildings were formerly the Grand Hotel, built in 1878 and converted to offices in 1927. The block was bought by Land Securities Investment Trust in 1964, who appointed T. P. Bennett and Son architects for the redevelopment.

The buildings on the other site are owned by the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution. The architects are R. Seifert and Partners. Westminster council insisted that plans for the two sites should be coordinated, and a third architect, Mr William Whitfield, was appointed.

The article in *The Architects' Journal*, which hopes to mount an exhibition of its own alternative proposals in the forecourt of St Martin-in-the-Fields, is not particularly critical of the architecture of the proposed new buildings. But it says that many small firms will be evicted from relatively cheap accommodation to make room for expensive offices.

It fears that rebuilding might be delayed because of the property recession and that the site might be left as " a hole in the ground ".

Mr Daniel Cruickshank, one of the authors, said yesterday that there were already large vacant sites next to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square; on the corner of Tothill Street, opposite Central Hall, Westminster; in Marsham Street, close to the Department of the Environment; and in Long Acre, Covent Garden.

The article says that next week's exhibition at the National Gallery, represented as a public participation exercise, has been put together and will be staffed by a public relations firm hired by the developers.

A representative of the firm, Kimball Bailey and Partners Ltd, said that the idea of the exhibition was to obtain the public's comments. " *I only wish that The Architects' Journal* had waited until the exhibition opened before coming out with their comments ", she added.

York Convocation told of need for dogmatic theology

From Our Correspondent
York

The setting up of an institute of theology at a university with the aim of achieving greater unification of Christian thought was urged at York Convocation yesterday.

The suggestion was put forward during a debate on what the Bishop of Durham, Dr John Habgood, described as the growing gulf between academic theologians and parochial clergy.

The Rev Peter Cornwell, also of the Durham diocese, suggested that one of the reasons for the gulf was the absence of a dogmatic theology.

He said: " To parish clergy the theologian seems to exist in a cloud world of theory: to the theologian parish priests sometimes appear more interested in communication than truth.

" Theologians fear that questions of the truthfulness of the gospels raised in the 1960s were now being dodged by worried and bewildered parish priests throwing themselves back on a wave of comfortable optimism."

The priest was afraid that the theologian, in remaking Christian doctrine, had remade a gospel that was unpreachable.

" Only when a deeper sense that the whole church is engaged in the common task of perceiving and articulating the gospel will the gulf be bridged."

Mr Cornwell said the church had spent pitifully little on teaching theology and that the institute he was suggesting would produce the sort of theologian it needed.

Convocation approved the bishop's motion that having recognized the gulf between the factions it would welcome closer cooperation between them.

The bishop commented: " The New Testament is our only guide to the words and teachings of Jesus. We have a guide and it is sufficient."

Links on golf courses: Church of England clergy and Roman Catholic priests were having serious religious discussions on the golf course, a country vicar said yesterday (the Press Association reports).

The Rev Edward Longford, Vicar of Tatworth with Everton, on the northern borders of Bedfordshire, was speaking in London at the Convocation of Canterbury.

Mr Longford said: " We have two annual golf matches against Roman Catholics. In the past, you really had to confine your conversation to the weather or the state of the bunkers. We have now reached the stage where we do discuss the Eucharist and the ministry while we are going round the golf course.

" This may sound frivolous, but it is indicative of something very deep-seated. To this extent, the climate of opinion is different now from what it has ever been before."

The convocation unanimously welcomed a joint statement produced by the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission on points of common ground on the ministry and ordination. The statement had been welcomed by the York convocation on Tuesday.

English glassmakers' art on view at Science Museum

By a Staff Reporter

A chance to see examples of 300 years of the history of glass and its making is offered today and for the next month at the Science Museum, London.

The Glass Sellers' Company is sponsoring an exhibition to mark the tercentenary of the granting of a patent by Charles II to George Ravenscroft, the father of English lead glass, for the " art and manufacture of a perticular sort of Christaline Glasse, not formerly exercised or used in this our Kingdom."

Little is known of Ravenscroft himself except that he was a merchant who spent some time in Venice, living, it is believed, between 1618 and 1681, and was largely responsible for turning the breaking of glass into the making of it.

The Glass Sellers' Company, which obtained its charter in 1664, imported and retailed on a considerable scale drinking and other glasses from Venice until it became dissatisfied with the quality of this soda glass, particularly with its fragility.

In 1673 the company commissioned Ravenscroft to discover an improved kind of glass and he gradually evolved the solution of adding lead oxide to the sand and potash, and reducing the amount of alkaline fluxes.

He had perfected his discovery by 1676 and for 200 years the English glass industry led the world.

The importance of the new lead crystal glass was due not only to its heavier weight but to its higher refractive index and greater brilliance and richness, allowing English glassmakers to make more elegant wares. Because it was relatively soft it was more easily cut and engraved than soda glass.

The exhibition, opened last night by Sir Alan Hodgkin, President of the Royal Society, includes examples of pre-Ravenscroft ware, with a wine jug of about 1586, probably by Verzelini, important pieces of the Ravenscroft period, some bearing his raven's head seal, and items that show the modern scientific applications of lead glass.

The Queen has also lent the bowl with diamond-point engraving that was presented to her as a wedding gift by the Glass Sellers' Company in 1947.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh attends Malt Distillers' Association of Scotland centenary banquet, Aviemore Centre, Inverness-shire, 7.30 pm.

Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips attend world premiere of *Juggernaut*, in aid of Newspaper Press Fund, Leicester Square Theatre, 8.15 pm.

The Duke of Kent visits Rolls-Royce Small Engine Division, Leavesden, Watford, 11 am.

Lunchtime Concert: Colin Tilney plays one of the museum's antique instruments, Victoria and Albert Museum, 1.15 pm.

Memorial service: Sir Charles Wheeler, St James's, Piccadilly, noon.

Archaeology report

Peterborough: The Bronze Age field system

The extensive prehistoric settlement site at Fengate, near Peterborough, has been known to archaeologists since its discovery during gravel digging in the early years of this century. Finds from most prehistoric periods were found in pits and large post-holes and were collected and documented by the local archaeologist, the late Mr G. Wyman Abbott. Thanks to his zeal most of the artefacts have been salvaged.

Abbott's finds have been studied by many archaeologists and gave the name Peterborough to an important tradition of later neolithic ceramic styles; Fengate ware is an important sub-style within the group. About 10 years ago a remarkable series of aerial photographs was obtained by Professor J. K. St Joseph which showed that the Wyman Abbott finds came from the south part of a very extensive fen margin settlement area.

This whole site, by now a scheduled monument, was threatened by the industrial expansion of Greater Peterborough. After publication in 1969 of a royal commission's report on a survey of antiquities in the areas of development at Peterborough New Town, the Nene Valley Research Committee authorized excavation to take place. A short season devoted to a specific threatened rectilinear enclosure, directed by Miss Christine Mahany, was followed in 1971 by large-scale six-month seasons, directed by Mr Francis Pryor and financed by the Royal Ontario Museum of Toronto with additional help from the Harvie Foundation of Calgary.

The principal aim of the excavations has been to build as complete a picture as possible of prehistoric settlement and land use patterns over the area. This project has involved the stripping of large sites, more than 20 acres having been excavated so far. Most of the field boundary ditches revealed to date have been completely emptied and subjected to regular sample sieving in order to try to establish reliable dates, no simple matter on a site where occupation has been prolonged and where, as a consequence, residual material is frequently found. An extensive series of radiocarbon dates is being built up.

The possibilities of the site are enormous: waterlogged levels, where the preservation of organic material is excellent, are frequently encountered and it is hoped that the next three seasons will be entirely confined to the fen-edge proper, where waterlogging will be frequent.

Prehistoric man chose Fengate because of its proximity to the fens, the natural habitat of many wild fowl, fish and eels; there would have been peat for fuel, groves of alder or birch and lush summer grazing around the edges of the fen margins and " islands ". Although the state of the fens is known to have altered considerably over time, there can be little doubt that they provided the *raison d'être* for the site.

Four season's work has allowed us to build up an approximate picture of the changing patterns of land use over time; from somewhat humble, separated settlements in early neolithic times to much larger mainly cattle-based economies in the later neolithic period circa 2000 BC.

Complete with several rectilinear field systems marked by corner entranceways, we find in Middle Bronze Age times an elaborate series of accurately surveyed field and drove systems. These Middle Bronze Age fields occupy an area today of about a quarter of a mile square. They consist of a series of regularly spaced paired ditches running at right-angles to the fens. Two ditches of this series excavated in 1971 gave radio-carbon dates of 1280+70 BC and 935+135 BC.

This season, however, has revealed far better preserved fragments of the field system than we had been led to expect in 1971: single paired ditches are replaced by double paired ditches with single paired droveways running in at perfect right-angles. There are several simple and complex many-phased entranceways marked by ditches and post-holes arranged, again, at right-angles to one another.

So far two crouched burials have been uncovered from within the ditches, together with many animal bones, mainly of cattle, evidence of salt extraction from the brackish fen water near by, part of a bronze Middle Bronze Age socketed spearhead and pottery, similar in many respects to that found at the Middle Bronze Age cemetery at Ardleigh, Essex. A large flint industry has also been recovered, and as there are no neolithic features in the area involved, useful comparisons will be able to be drawn with earlier industries in the area.

Finally, many of the Bronze Age field boundary ditches have been cut by later features, most of which belong to the early Iron Age, thus tending to confirm their Bronze Age date. Earlier work on the site has been published in *Excavation at Fengate, Peterborough, England: the First Report* (Royal Ontario Museum, Archaeology Monograph 3, Toronto, 1974).

By **Francis Pryor, Royal Ontario Museum**

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Japanese suit of armour fetches £9,000

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A sale of Japanese armour, swords and sword fittings at Sotheby's yesterday saw Japanese buyers back in London in force. Economic conditions in Japan seemed to be keeping Japanese buyers away at the end of last season, so their return gave a good fillip to prices.

The top price was £9,000 (London Gallery of Tokyo) for a complete suit of seventeenth-century armour of fine quality, though a little damaged. While armour of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries is common at auction, such an early suit was a rarity; the price roughly doubled Sotheby's estimate. There was a complete nineteenth-century suit of armour at £3,400 (M. Saruta).

Among the high prices for blades was a good longsword dated 1869 at £3,600 (Collectors) and an eighteenth-century longsword with twentieth-century mounts at £2,400 (Collectors).

The *tsuba* or sword guards were not exceptional, and brought standard prices, but there was some remarkable bidding for a group of arrowheads; most fetched more than £40 and a simple heartshaped arrowhead whose only unusual feature was a signature (Echizen Korai) made £92. The sale totalled £96,771, with less than 5 per cent unsold.

Sotheby's also held a minor Old Master sale totalling £29,875.

Christie's were selling the first part of the Mostyn library which had its beginnings in the sixteenth century. Its important collection of Stuart and Tudor plays and most of its manuscripts were sold before the last war.

Out of the 247 lots put up for sale yesterday eight failed to find a buyer. The Aldine edition of the *Comedies* of Plautus (1522), bound for Jean Grolier, the sixteenth-century collector whose bindings are avidly collected, made £8,500. A 1550 Book of Common Prayer in its original binding made £2,700 (Traylen) and the first Protestant edition of the Bible in French (1535) made £1,900 (Thomas).

A charming book on the teaching of Latin, Roger Ascham's *The Scholemaster* of 1570, " specially purposed for the bringing up of youth in Gentlemen and Noble men's houses ", made £1,400 (Hammond), while the first edition of the New Testament in Welsh (1567) made £700. The sale totalled £37,728.

Christie's were selling the fifth part of the Ko family collection of snuff bottles. Timed to coincide with the sixth annual convention of the Chinese Snuff Bottle Society of America, the sale was inundated with Americans, bringing prices well above expectations. Hugh Moss paid the top price of £945 for an early hornbill bottle. The sale totalled £18,541.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, October 10, 1949

Dr. E. OE. Somerville, the surviving figure in the celebrated literary partnership of Somerville and Ross, authors of " Some Experiences of an Irish RM ", and a woman of strikingly individual character and wit, died on Saturday at her home in County Cork. She was in her ninety-second year.

Her first intention was to become an artist, and she attended the studios of Colarossi and Delécluse in Paris. . . . She might indeed have confined herself entirely to art if her cousin, Miss Violet Martin, of Ross [Martin Ross] had not encouraged her literary gifts. Hers, however, was an astonishingly versatile endowment, and an unbounded energy to match. She was, for instance, an extremely good musician among other things. And there was always, an expression of the entirely different side of her life and interests, her sportsmanship. Edith Somerville's love of horses, dogs and hunting was the first of her passions.

OBITUARY

MR PAUL HOFFMAN

Administrator of Marshall Plan

Mr Paul Hoffman, who was the first administrator of the Marshall Plan, died on Tuesday at the age of 83.

Appointed by President Truman in 1948 as head of the Marshall Plan organization, Hoffman probably did more than any other person to lift the economies of western Europe out of their depressed state and create a basis for the prosperity that followed. A shortish, likable and very confident man, Hoffman created the framework for American aid to be channelled to western Europe, travelled continuously persuading the Europeans to cooperate with one another and tirelessly needled away at Congress to vote billions of dollars for aid.

The President had told him that his task was " to sustain and strengthen principles of individual liberty, free institutions and genuine independence in Europe ", and Hoffman urged the politicians of western Europe to achieve economic unification " without undue delay ". If Europe became strong and prosperous, he argued in 1949, then it could work together with Canada and the United States to stop the " ruthless drive " for power of Russian Communism. Later, however, when he was managing director of the United Nations Special Fund, he said that aid must be independent of political considerations and that the underdeveloped countries had to advance through their own efforts; external aid, although vital, was limited. The Marshall Plan, he argued in 1961, had been given too much credit for the postwar recovery of western Europe and that " it was the Europeans who saved Europe ".

Hoffman was born in Chicago in 1891 and became a car salesman with the Studebaker Corporation. He was to make a million dollars before he was 35 and he became president of Studebaker from 1935 to 1948 and chairman from 1953 to 1956. This gift for salesmanship, coupled with idealism, warmth and a natural helpfulness brought him to the attention of President Truman in the postwar era. For organizing Marshall Plan aid, Hoffman was awarded the Medal of Freedom last year.

Resigning from federal service in 1950, Hoffman became president of the Ford Foundation for three years and then went back to industry with Studebaker. He published in 1951 a book called *Peace Can be Won*, in which he urged a halt to all the talk about the Cold War and, praising the leadership that Britain had given to the world since the Spanish Armada, hoped that the United States would use its leadership in the same way now that power had passed from the British to the American Commonwealth.

But Hoffman's work was still not finished. What he had accomplished in Europe was only half the job and in 1959 he dropped his business posts and went to the United Nations as head of the Special Fund, where he stayed until 1965, when he became administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

There his task was to travel round the world trying to persuade the richer governments to contribute aid for the poorer nations. Again he made known his distaste for Cold War politics. It was not possible to win friends with aid, he said. The most compelling reason for giving aid was " that we are living in an unsafe world and our greatest problem today is to prevent its blowing up ... one of the reasons our world is unsafe is that hundreds of millions of people in the less developed countries are refusing to accept their present position as inevitable ". A modest man, Hoffman summed up his United Nations work when he stepped down in 1972 with the remark: " We have made only a feeble start."

He married Dorothy Brown in 1915 and they had seven children. She died in 1961 and he then married Mrs Anna Rosenberg.

ERIK LINDSTROM

Erik Lindstrom, leading actor of the Swedish National Theatre, died on September 27 in his 68th year.

Lindstrom's was a name to conjure with in Scandinavian theatrical circles. In later years he not only became a popular character-actor of the first rank but also retained something of the beloved matinee idol image of his youth.

Born on November 11, 1906, he joined the Swedish National Theatre as a graduate from the theatre's drama school, making his debut in Shaw's *You Never Can Tell* in 1927. He began as a specialist in comedy and gave a series of memorable performances that ranged from Sir Peter Teazle in Sheridan's *The School for Scandal* to Vielgeschrey in Holberg's *Den Stundeslose (The Fussy Man)* in 1968. But the great tragic roles were well within his compass, too, witness his Hamlet, in which he appeared with his company in Elsinore in 1948, and his Gustav III in Strindberg's drama, in which he was pronounced the equal of Denmark's Poul Reumert and Sweden's Lars Hanson.

His first major dramatic success was as Stanhope in *Journey's End* less than a year after Laurence Olivier had created the role in London. From then on he was to give masterly renderings of Peer Gynt, Faust, Enrico IV, Hamlet, Macbeth and Iago which he played on his home ground in Swedish to Mogens Wieth's Othello in Danish, the disparity in language sometimes leading to unforeseen comic situations.

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Saturday Sunday Monday
Queen's

Irving Wardle

With three crucial cast changes (including the loss of Laurence Olivier), I found this transfer an even richer experience than the original National Theatre production. Of the two remaining principals, Joan Plowright has shed her preoccupation with Neapolitan vowels and is giving a performance combining huge emotional energy with scrupulous domestic precision; and Frank Finlay's performance has settled into a marvellously composed study of compressed jealousy, delicate but ever present in his small, swift gestures and capacity for dominating through silence.

Saturday Sunday Monday is one of the most elaborate family plays ever written, and it contains almost as many stories as characters. Perhaps the balance between these is better struck now than it was at the first showing. But the main point is that Eduardo de Filippo's work is better seen more than once. Those people are more important than what happens to them; and with the plot already in your head you can give more attention to observing their lives.

Even the plot is more fun when you know what is coming. There are so many delayed action gags to relish in advance, like Peppino's stretched hat, sitting innocently on its peg through most of the first act before he dons it to make a dignified exit and finds it comes down to cover his nose.

It is worth noticing that in spite of the laugh, he still keeps the audience's respect, it being one of Filippo's skills to allow his characters to retain their human dignity in the act of stepping on a banana skin. Love, perhaps, would be a better word than skill.

Zeffirelli's production achieves several things. It drops you into a tempestuously alien household with which, by the end of the evening, you are obliged to acknowledge a common human bond. It knits up the multiple strands of the action in joint preparation for the ritual Sunday dinner. And, from the moment the curtain goes up and floods the auditorium with the odour of cooking meat, the emotions of the play are solidly rooted in the practical business of home management.

In Filippo's world the two are one and the same thing, and the performance unites them visually again and again. There is Plowright, weeping bucketfuls while breaking spaghetti with long-practised efficiency; or finally waving her husband off to work from the balcony after four months off from that little task. Mundane actions like those carry a great emotional charge.

Ann Penfold's grinning maid is a poor substitute for Anna Cartaret's sumptuous slattern; but otherwise the new casting is deft. Richard Vernon, as the hat-stretching grandfather, departs from Olivier's show-stopping cameo and melts the part into the life of the family. Stephen Greif, as the cause of all the trouble, repeats Denis Quilley's success in dispensing a suspicious line in natty gallantry before quietly establishing his honesty. If the Olivier regime is to have its life prolonged in the West End, there could have been no better choice.

Dave Allen
ATV

Alan Coren

By one of those miracles of juxtaposition that make accident an authentic art form, Dave Allen's bizarre little documentary about English eccentrics followed directly upon the fading face of the Prime Minister. Not just that, either, but a succulent prime ministerial vision of the New Britain burgeoning in the millenium due to kick off on Friday morning, weather permitting.

And then he was gone, and the screen filled with an Englishman living in a wooden box. To be fair to Mr Wilson, he had lived in the box for 25 years (in other words, since about the middle of the Attlee administration) and, moreover, seemed quite happy in it, especially since building an annexe for his feet. The middle-class lady behind whose house the box stands seemed well adjusted, too, to the fact that our society lacks the utopian unity Mr Wilson was so keen to adumbrate: in perhaps the finest line to be delivered this week, she said: "He's no trouble, he makes very good Yorkshire pudding."

From which imponderable point we moved to two other English people well able to survive the apocalypse to come, the Blackmores, who live in a tepee in Eastbourne. Mr Blackmore, in full robes, face-paint and head dress, explained that the good thing about a tepee was that the fire inside it kept the grass dry. A tip we may well find ourselves returning to in the harsh months ahead.

We left the Blackmores, and after a brief interlude with a gentleman in Second World War flying kit who spends his days in a home-made Lancaster cockpit, we joined a citizen who keeps mice on his hat, lives on Brussels sprouts, and rides around in a giant pedal car in his long underwear. Questioned, he replied that he wished to change nothing in Britain.

Doubtless, Mr Allen's closing couple feel the same. They indeed are locked into 1938 where, via their model railway layout, they relive the great days of pre-nationalization, despite the fact that "mice steal the passengers, you have to glue everything down".

Yes, a big night for mice and nostalgia, friends, even if it meant a discordant coda for the Prime Minister. Still, that's politics.

New London Ballet
Wimbledon Theatre

John Percival

André Prokovsky's latest creation for his versatile small company is *Folk Songs*, set to the suite by Berio, which has become well known and liked in Cathy Berberian's interpretation. The ballet follows the music in the diversity of its moods. Deborah Hess and Paul Porter have a gentle, breathlessly romantic duet; Linda Smit's first two entries are solos, respectively bitter and triste.

The two brighter, more cheerfully extrovert couples are themselves set to some extent in contrast: the duet for Lesley Mould and Bob Smith has a quick, sharp eroticism differentiating it from the more comradely duet for Christian Addams and Carol Yule. When Addams and Linda Smit are brought together by the others, that introduces a further emotional change leading to the joyful finale.

Here and there are hints of genuine folk dances, but the choreography makes no pretence of realism: this is an evocation of the real thing, heightened and sophisticated in the same way that Berio did in his music. The choreography has an attractive simplicity of structure but is polished and subtle in its expressiveness.

The familiar works on last night's programme at Wimbledon introduced some new dancers. Outstanding was the appearance of a Japanese recruit, Noriko O'Hara (she is married to an Irishman), in *Laurencia*. She has a real firecracker technique, fast and crisp, but presented with great charm too.

Miss Yule's buoyant *entrechats* in the finale of that work amply made up for a touch of stiffness in her earlier solo, and in *Piano Quartet No 1* Paul Porter showed himself to be a more impressive dancer than his roles with the Royal Ballet had ever revealed. But in both those ballets, and the *Nutcracker pas de deux* too, Galina Samsova remains the company's undisputed star: a classical ballerina unsurpassed in any western company today.

NPO/Muti
Festival Hall

William Mann

The battle for Schumann's symphonies as standard symphonic diet has probably been won by now: they no longer need special pleading or rescoring. All the same, it is good to find Riccardo Muti including them in his concerts with the New Philharmonia Orchestra and so keeping up the good work done by his predecessor as the NPO's chief conductor, Otto Klemperer.

On Tuesday Mr Muti gave us Schumann's C major symphony, number two, whose central movements are as treasurable as any in romantic symphony. He laid a gentle but not careless hand on the elegant Scherzo, and drew out the Adagio's linked strands of heavenly melody with appreciative sweetness. The outer (more taxing) movements were less tautly controlled, though the Finale generated the necessary excitement

Mr Muti's view of Schumann is spry and vigorous, as befits his age: mercifully he is not minded to polish the character out of the music; indeed once or twice in the first Allegro we could have done with a shade more precision of rhythm and really tidy ensemble. The woodwind playing throughout was enjoyable; but they had been let off the first item, Hindemith's *Concert Music* for strings and brass.

Excellent piece as this is (high on the list of Hindemith's most likeable works), it prescribes playing of a quality it did not get here. There were too many brass entries a touch ahead of the beat, and too many phrases that fell limp in the middle; and then the subsidiary counterpoints were not always properly audible (it is not, after all, one of Hindemith's more densely polyphonic compositions).

Everyone was more at ease in Beethoven's fourth piano concerto of which Peter Frankl gave a spirited and poetic account, although it too was less clean than usual with this admirable pianist.

Gabrieli Quartet
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Alan Blyth

Our singers no longer go unheralded in their own country. Our string quartets fare less well. One group has gained that traditionally undying loyalty accorded by the British musical public to its special favourites, but the Gabrieli has yet to achieve that position. Goodness knows why, for they have done plenty to deserve it. I hope that on the coming two Tuesdays, the group's other programmes in the Queen Elizabeth Hall will rated the necessary excitement. be better attended.

The Gabrieli does not take the easy and perhaps more popular way out by playing the works of a single composer, preferring a mixed programme that extends its considerable interpretative powers and provides more stimulation for the listener. On this occasion it began bravely with Shostakovich's third quartet.

The reading started by being correct but uncommunicative. One admired already the integration and balance of the individual strings but missed that extra insight which revealed itself in part of the elusive, rather menacing Scherzo and really became established in the lamenting Adagio. There, too, the quartet responded more and more to the concentration of thought, the *multum in parvo*, of some of the composer's most searching writing.

The group was no less convincing in the famous dissonant introduction to Mozart's K 465 Quartet and then effortlessly relaxed into the ensuing Allegro. That marvellous passage of discordant single-note entries in the slow movement showed the understanding of the ensemble, each of the three upper instruments shading effortlessly into the other.

The players rightly adopted a more *gemütlich*, soft-grained style for the E minor of Mendelssohn's Op 44. Mellow confidence is the mood of all four movements and that was easily conveyed through the composer's obviously grateful writing for all four instruments.

London debuts

Four years' hard work alone could scarcely have produced ensemble as close as that of Antony Lindsay and Simon Young in their two-piano recital at the start of the week. An intuitive sympathy lay behind it, also true feeling for Rachmaninov, who monopolized the whole programme.

They had their work cut out trying to bring off the Symphonic Dances without the help of orchestral colour. This 1940 score sounded unmotivated in comparison with the Fantaisie Suite, Op 5, and Six Pieces, Op 11, for one keyboard, both produced before the composer had come of age, with his roots still deep in Russian soil. Perhaps the nightingales sang a bit too robustly in "A night for love", detracting from its sumptuous *amoroso* climax. But texture was translucent throughout the decorative figuration of "Barcarolle" and the still more beautiful "Tears" of Op 5. The specifically nationalist numbers in both early works were splendidly rhythmic and ringing.

Of the week's two solo pianists, by far the most forceful projection came from the Egyptian, Ramzi Yassa, as might have been expected from one who this summer won a certificate of honour in the Tchaikovsky Contest in Moscow. Prokofiev's second sonata was the best vehicle for his strength, drive and rhythmic precision—even for the lyrical tenderness he could sometimes muster too. Clear-cut fingerwork and a certain emotional objectivity were valuable assets in Ravel's *Miroirs*, though climaxes were unnecessarily loud, and quite a lot of this music needed far more mystery and magic. Much of Liszt's *Mephisto Waltz* was over-driven. Even a sonata in C by Haydn showed how urgently Mr Yassa needs to learn to melt.

For an experienced artist, the Brazilian Clara Sverner, seemed either bedevilled by nerves, or else out of practice. There were moments of grace and tonal charm in the less demanding numbers of Ravel's *Valses nobles et sentimentales*, also in the reflective central piece, "Hommage à Rameau", from Debussy's *Images*. Villa-Lobos's Alma Brasileira (Choros No 5) was warm and winning too. But Alban Berg's Sonata, Op 1, emerged as a mere sketchy approximation. Even Schubert's more genuinely pianistic A minor sonata, Op 143, sufficiently strained Miss Sverner's technique to inhibit her musical imagination.

The week's solitary singer, Michael Leighton Jones, offered a pleasantly lyrical, albeit light, baritone voice, nice phrasing, and a feeling for words. Though he was willing enough in spirit, Mahler's *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen* proved an over-ambitious opening choice: the voice itself lacked the range of colour and ease of production to carry expression so intense. The wide compass and heightened emotion of Schumann's "Stirb, Lieb' und Freud" taxed him similarly, though he did well with "Erstes Grün" and better still with "Wanderlied" from this same Op 35 Kerner set. Always he was at his most ingratiating when not called on for extremes, such as in songs by Warlock, folk-song arrangements by Grainger, and a cycle by his New Zealand compatriot, Douglas Lilburn, called *Sings Harry*. Though the naivety of the words in a sense justified simple lyricism, it was still difficult not to reflect what a composer like Ives would have made of them. The discerning pianist throughout was Jonathan Alder.

Having previously appeared in a duo with his brother, the young Dutch violinist Christiaan Bor returned for a solo recital in the Royal Netherlands Embassy series. Pieces like Khachaturian's Sabre Dance (arranged by his master-class teacher, Heifetz) and Ravel's Tzigane thrived on his zest. His bite and lyrical intensity also served Bartok's unaccompanied sonata well. But an over-enthusiastic performance of Debussy's "La plus que lente" notably emphasized that there is room in his equipment for more subtlety and finesse. Geza Frid was a lively keyboard partner.

Joan Chissell

Paul Klee : The Feather Plant 1919

From Picasso to Lichtenstein

A two-month programme devoted to the modern arts of West Germany, scattered among various places in London, started off last week at the Tate Gallery, which has put on show virtually the entire contents of the Nordrhein-Westfalen Museum of Düsseldorf under the title *From Picasso to Lichtenstein*.

The museum was founded in 1961 and began buying only in 1962. Düsseldorf also possesses an historical museum of art and a public gallery (the Kunsthalle) for contemporary exhibitions. The presence of these three in a medium-sized city testifies to the enormous wealth of this area of Germany. For the Nordrhein-Westfalen, entering the museum field when the market for modern art was already booming, could only acquire works of the celebrated twentieth-century painters by spending vast sums of money. The cash came chiefly from the local government, with additional donations from West German Broadcasting.

The Tate Gallery's director, Sir Norman Reid, in his catalogue preface, casts his eye longingly on these purchase funds, which are big compared with the Tate's. He describes the achievement of the Museum of Nordrhein-Westfalen as "heroic". Such strong praise seems to reflect the excitement generated in the museum world simply by prestigious acquisitions.

A number of beautiful individual paintings stand out in a kind of isolation. One of them is Max Beckman's splintered painting "The Night", showing the agonies of the First World War. Another is Picasso's gentle "Woman at the Mirror" of 1937. Another is a great Leger painting, "Adam and Eve", painted in 1935-39, a period when he was overflowing with work in murals and stage design. The three Mondrian paintings from the 1930s produce their unfailing shock of clarity and light. And the Kandinsky of 1925, "In the Blue", contains an astonishing amount of compressed visual energy in a small area. The most coherent part of the exhibition is the group of Klees, shown in a small side room (they were bought from a single private collection). They make sense together and one can follow what the artist is exploring. "The Feather Plant" (1919) is a lovely single painting.

But these pictures hang as detached "acquisitions". Dr Schmalenbach, director of the Nordrhein-Westfalen Museum, says in his catalogue introduction that in building up the collection he was not interested in the historical context of the works. He was guided only by the "criterion of quality". This is a high sounding phrase, but what does it mean? Only a few of the paintings are of very high quality, and at least 20 of the 71 painters represented here are very minor artists.

For Dr Schmalenbach quality means conservative painterly value, and it is this, rather than the experimental, questioning spirit, which is brought out in the collection. It shows in the balance of the collection (four Braques, but no Malevich, van Doesburg, Vantongerloo, Moholy-Nagy or Tatlin). And it becomes particularly clear in the choice of postwar artists.

These begin with the Parisian *tachistes* and switch to American action painters and finally to pop artists. The scope seems to become narrower and narrower and finally comes to a halt with Lichtenstein's huge painting of a brush-stroke in comic-book technique, where one small pictorial irony is bombastically exaggerated.

Guy Brett

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61¼	34⅞	Treas	5½% 2008-12	35⅞	-½	15.538	15.618
79¾	48½	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	50½	-⅛	15.900	15.915
40⅞	24¾	Consols	4%	25⅜	-⅛	16.083	..
36¼	22⅞	War Ln	3½%	23½	-⅛	15.738	..
37	22	Conv	3½%	23½	-⅛	15.617	..
31½	18½	Treas	3%	18½	-¼	16.148	..
25¾	15¼	Consols	2½%	15¾	-¼	15.909	..
26½	15⅝	Treas.	2½% Aft 75	15⅝	-¼	16.068	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

1973/74 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
96¾	88⅞	Aust	2½% 70-75	96¾	..	2.599	10.461
86½	75¾	Aust	5½% 76-78	78	..	7.043	13.567
82½	67¼	Aust	5½% 77-80	70	-¼	8.029	14.251
78¾	58	Aust	5½% 81-82	60¼	-¼	9.070	14.238
78⅞	59	Aust	6% 81-83	60¾	-¼	10.237	14.237
92¾	83	Aust	6% 74-76	87½	..	6.850	13.245
89½	67¾	Aust	7% 79-81	69¾	-¼	10.141	14.197
99	90	Berlin	4½% Ass	90	..	..	..
98¾	87	Ceylon	4% 73-75	95½	..	4.207	16.229
94	80	Chilean Mixed		94	..	..	..
74¾	52½	E Africa	5¾% 77-83	54¾	..	10.866	15.959
197	189	German	4½% 1930	190	..	..	..
38	23	Hungary	4½% 1924	23	..	..	..
86½	64¼	Ireland	7½% 81-83	64¼	-1	..	..
93½	72½	Jamaica	7¾% 77-79	75	..	10.592	16.017
160	85	Japan Ass	4% 1910	103	..	..	..
77	52	Japan	6% 83-88	52	..	..	..
73¾	52½	Kenya	5% 78-82	54	..	9.392	16.083
85¾	66	Malaya	7½% 78-82	68½	-¼	11.148	14.672
85¾	67¾	N Z	6% 76-80	70	-¼	8.658	14.378
93⅞	89½	N Z	6% 75-76	90¾	..	6.642	12.716
78⅞	50½	N Z	7¾% 88-92	50½	-¼	14.944	16.117
85½	60½	N Z	7½% 83-86	61	-½	12.791	15.172
78¼	68	N Rhd	6% 78-81	70½	-1	8.689	13.458
76¾	65	Nyasa	6% 78-81	67½	-1	9.073	14.304
99	70	Peru	6% Ass	82	..	..	..
90¼	82½	S A Gov	9½% 74-76	89½	..	..	..
51	16	S Rhd	2½% 65-70	16	..	..	..
45	16	S Rhd	4½% 87-92	16	..	..	..
62	24	S Rhd	6% 78-81	24	..	..	..
53	48	Spanish	4%	53	..	..	..
75½	55	Tang	5½% 78-82	55¾	..	10.416	16.464
74	54	Uruguay	3½%	73	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

1973/74 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
30¾	17	L C C	3% 1920	17½	-½	17.432	..
74	52	L C C	5% 80-83	54	-¼	9.272	14.669
80	59	L C C	5½% 77-81	60¾	-1	9.104	14.663
74½	52	L C C	5½% 82-84	54	-1	10.433	14.799
70	47	L C C	5½% 85-87	48	-1	11.906	15.188
89¾	74	L C C	6% 75-78	78½	-½	7.641	14.313
89½	68	L C C	6% 76-79	70¼	-½	8.533	14.765
76½	49¾	L C C	6¾% 88-90	49¾	-1	14.045	15.758
92¾	83	G L C	6¾% 1976	89¾	-½	7.602	13.875
90¾	80	G L C	6½% 1977	85	-½	7.647	14.189
77¾	47¾	G L C	6¾% 90-92	47¾	-1	14.445	15.816
93¾	79½	G L C	7¾% 1977	84	-¼	8.626	14.260
104¼	76	G L C	9½% 80-82	76	-1	12.473	14.670
90½	73¾	C of L	6¾% 75-78	77¾	-¼	8.414	14.414
83	61½	C of L	6¾% 80-82	63¾	-1	10.442	14.846

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
262	74	AAH	74	..	11.6	15.6	3.8
140	41	AB Electronic	41 •	..	6.1	15.0	3.0
52	37	AC Cars	37	-2	1.7	4.5	9.3
118½	45	AD Intl	59 h	-1	3.2	5.4	7.6
110½	27	AGB Research	27	-1	3.0	11.0	4.5
315	105	APV Hldgs	114 •	-1	13.0	11.4	4.9
114	31	AVP Ind	33	..	3.2	9.7	3.3
158	22	Aaronson Bros	22	..	2.1	9.4	3.1
78	21	Abbey Panels	23	-2	4.0	17.4	1.8
205	44	Acrow	55	..	5.8b	10.5	8.0
150	25	Do A	29	-1	5.8b	19.8	4.2
39	15	Adams Food	17	-2	1.5	8.8	7.9
53	9	Adda Int	12	-2	1.1	9.0	4.4
114	43	Advance Elect	94 h	..	3.6	3.9	11.5
277	58	Adwest Group	61 •	+1	8.8	14.5	3.4
73	20	Aeron'l & Gen.	20	..	1.5	7.5	3.6
128	70	Airfix Ind	80	..	3.9	4.9	9.3
120	30	Do NV	35	..	3.9	11.2	4.1
43	20	Albright & W	39½	-4	5.3b	13.9	5.1
101½	64½	Alcan 10½%	£64½	..	1060	16.3	..
97½	58	Do 9% Cnv	£63	+1	900	14.3	..
90	31	Allen E.	33	..	4.2	12.7	4.0
96¼	20	Allen W. G.	24	..	3.5	14.8	6.2
33¼	20	Alliance Alders	22½	+1	1.6	7.2	6.1
136½	54	Allied Colloids	70	..	2.3	3.3	8.0
42½	11	Allied Plant	13	..	1.1	8.6	3.3
116½	40	Allied Polymer	40 •	-1	5.8	14.6	5.1
71	7	Alpine Hldgs	11½	..	..e	..	3.2
207	149	Amal Metal	160	-1	16.0	10.0	4.4
107	26	Amal Power	27½	-1	4.2	15.3	2.5
62	20	Amber Day	20 •	..	1.8	8.7	2.4
87	34	Anchor Chem	38	..	5.2	13.6	5.2
195	110	Anderson Strath	110	..	11.8	10.7	5.7
48	6	Anglian Food	8	..	0.5e	6.5	25.8
615	325	Anglo Amer Ind	355	..	32.4	9.1	6.6
84	28	Ang Swiss Hldgs	30 •	..	4.4	14.6	4.9
250	105	Anglo-Thai Corp	107	-3	3.5	3.3	2.5
126	23	Anglowest	24	..	2.3	9.4	4.0
93	24	Appleyard	31 •	..	5.5	17.7	4.1
39½	14	Aquascutum 'A'	14	..	1.5	11.0	4.2
137	44	Arlington Mtr	44	..	8.8	20.0	3.8
169¼	54	Armitage Shanks	58	-1	9.3	16.1	5.9
97	21	Armst Equip	23½	+1	2.3	9.8	4.1
66	34	Ash Spinning	57	..	5.0	8.7	4.7
63	41	Asprey 6½% Pf	45	..	6.3	13.9	..
130	23	Ass Biscuit	26	+1	3.3	12.6	9.8
111	21	Do A	24	..	3.3	13.6	3.5
28	6	Ass Brit Eng	6	..	..	..	9.8
67	21½	Ass Brit Food	23½	..	2.2	9.3	4.2
87½	20½	Ass Engineer	20½	-½	4.7	22.7	3.1
101	44	Ass Fisheries	44	-2	5.3	12.0	3.3
192	42	Ass Food	50	-2	5.6a	11.2	3.4
53	12	Ass Leisure	13¼	-¼	3.2b	23.0	3.7
235	55	Ass News	58	..	6.1	10.4	3.8
45	34½	Ass Paper	35½	-½	2.9	11.2	4.0
233	72	Ass Port Cement	86	-5	10.4	12.1	4.2
134	32	Ass Tel 'A'	34	-1	7.7	22.5	3.8
39½	20	Ass Tooling	29	..	2.7	9.2	5.2
36	14½	Astbury & Mdley	15	..	1.2	7.9	4.4
157	65	Atlas Stone	67	-1	6.8b	10.1	5.8
47	16	Attwood Garage	18	..	2.2	12.0	6.2
185	18	Audiotronic	22 •	..	6.5	29.5	2.5
59	16	Ault & Wiborg	19	..	2.9	15.2	4.4
19½	6¼	Aurora Gear	6½	-½	1.0	11.8	2.5
73	38	Austin E.	38	..	4.0	10.5	2.6
101¼	19½	Automotive Pd	19½	-1½	2.1	10.6	2.6
140	47½	Averys	47½	-1	6.0	12.7	5.3
215	60	Avon Rubber	64	-3	12.8	20.0	3.7
80	22	BBA Grp	23	..	3.4	14.7	3.9
183	57	BPB Ind	60	..	7.9	13.2	3.5
74	7	BSG Int	8¼	..	3.2	36.5	3.3
202¼	40	BSR Ltd	42 •	-2	2.9	7.0	2.9
97	44	BTR Ltd	49½ •	-½	5.1	10.2	6.1
106	32	Babcock & W	32	-2	2.7b	8.4	3.8

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New Herstatt Bank quota proposals put forward after creditors' protests

Cologne, Oct 9. — Herr Guenter Vogelsang, independent Herstatt negotiator, proposed new settlement quotas for the reditors of the closed Bankhaus D. Herstatt KGAA at a press onference in Cologne this evening.

Herr Vogelsang said the new proposals would cost DM1,220m about £201.5m) against DM1,140m in his earlier proposals of September 23.

Non-banks with claims of DM897m would receive DM583m; local authorities vith claims of DM202m, DM111m; foreign banks with laims of DM461m, DM254m; nd domestic banks with claims f DM604m would receive DM272m, Herr Vogelsang said.

He said Herstatt assets talled DM984m, of which M25m would be placed into eserves, leaving DM959m for e creditors. To cover the ap of DM261m, Herr Vogel-ng proposed that a special M325m fund be created.

The city of Cologne and the sociation formed to protect erstatt creditors had rejected rlier proposals for a settleent made by Herr Vogelsang.

Under the present plan Herr ans Gerling, former major areholder in Herstatt, would ntribute the DM200m tained from the sale of half his insurance empire to a nsortium of West German nks.

West German private banks uld contribute DM35m from ir fire-fighting fund, the rman savings banks DM15m, people's and farmers' operative banks DM10m, and rr Gerling's hardship fund, ated shortly after the rstatt collapse, would conbute a further DM10m.

Herr Vogelsang suggested st German banks should ntribute a further DM20m m the profits made in comting forward exchange deals. further DM35m should be ntributed on a voluntary is by domestic creditors m the proceeds of attachnts.

Herr Vogelsang said he was vinced his new proposals resented an acceptable solu-, and he had sent a recomndation that they should be cepted in the interests of a edy conclusion of the Her-tt affair.

Herr Vogelsang recalled that final report of the provinal liquidator showed that rstatt was unable to cover ne DM1,205m of its final 12,189m of liabilities. This s, which was an improvement some DM69m on the earlier mated loss of DM1,274m ant the average settlement ta for creditors was 44.95 cent.

t was with this in mind that proposed quota for domestic ks had now been set at 45 cent.

err Vogelsang hoped that decision to raise the quota he local authorities to the l of the foreign banks would find more acceptance than the old proposal that they should receive a settlement of 40 per cent.

But he said they would no longer be guaranteed payment of their quota this year as before.

After taking potential interest earnings into account, this clause in the old proposal effectively represented an additional 10 per cent on their quota, he said.

Herr Vogelsang said that in his original proposals, he had pitched the level of the quota for non bank creditors at 60 per cent because he felt these people—mainly private individuals and small businessmen—deserved an advantage of 20 per cent over the professionals.

He said this belief still held good, and therefore he proposed a new quota of 65 per cent for this group. These victims of the Herstatt collapse should receive their quotas in cash before the end of this year, he said.

As before, the new quotas would have to be agreed by all local authority and domestic and foreign bank creditors and 95 per cent of other non bank creditors.

Acceptance of the quotas would mean that creditors would no longer have any claims against the main participants in the Herstatt affair with the exception of any found guilty in court of illegal activities, Vogelsang added.

If the proposals are accepted, DM583m will have to be found by the end of this year to pay off the private non-bank creditors.

Herr Vogelsang said that DM280m could come from Herstatt's liquid assets while the remainder would have to be provided from the special fund.

He said the special fund was being made DM64m larger than absolutely necessary to guarantee the quotas. If all this amount was not needed in the liquidation of the bank over the coming years, any surplus would be added to the amount due to the creditors, he said.

Any surplus funds would be allocated in the ratio of 75 per cent to the creditors and 25 per cent to reimbursement of the contributors of the special fund.

Among the creditors, domestic banks would be the main beneficiaries as they will receive the lowest initial quota. But if there were sufficient cash to bump up their quota by 10 percentage points, the residue would be shared equally by all.

On the situation in the United States Herr Vogelsang suggested a way out of the legal impasse threatening Herstatt's assets.

He said all creditors who had petitioned bankruptcy proceedings in the United States or other countries should withdraw their petitions and refrain from attempting to bring further bankruptcy proceedings. No further attachments should be placed against Herstatt's assets.

For those who have already attached Herstatt assets abroad, foreign creditors would be treated normally under the laws of the countries where the arests had been placed.

West German creditors who have placed attachments would retain 75 per cent of the proceeds from such actions and give 25 per cent to the special fund. In this way DM35m would flow into the coffers of the special fund for the benefit of all creditors.—Reuter.

Alan McGregor writes from Geneva: he International Credit Bank said that it had asked the Swiss authorities for permission to declare a banking moratorium, and would remain closed pending a decision.

In a statement issued by the board of directors, who have been meeting over the past two days, press reports "without foundation" were blamed for withdrawals by depositors fearing difficulties. The bank had been closed for two days because of the Jewish holiday.

On Monday, the Hessische Landesbank Girozentrale, under the original share transfer contract, requested the ICB to repurchase the 36.4 per cent of the equity held by the Frankfurt bank.

The ICB came into the news last month with reports from Israel of a more than £8m loss by the Israel Corporation, the agency through which funds are channeled for developing the country.

The ICB was founded here 15 years ago by Dr Tibor Rosenbaum. He owns 60 per cent of the shares of the bank, which holds about £30m in deposits. Capital and reserves were put at £13m.

In announcing its withdrawal from the ICB, the Frankfurt bank said its decision was because of "conduct not conforming to the rules of international banking" on the part of Dr Rosenbaum.

The Swiss Federal Banking Commission in Berne has asked for an emergency audit of the bank's books.

On September 27, the board of the Israel Corporation which was set up in 1968, decided to open an investigation into the situation with regard to all funds placed with companies with which Dr Rosenbaum is associated.

The ICB faced a difficult situation in 1967 after United States officials alleged that it had handled Mafia money emanating from gambling business. It was helped then by funds from Investors Overseas Services (IOS).

The ICB directors' statement said: "It is our duty to take appropriate measures to protect our worldwide clients. Accordingly, we have considered it necessary to ask for a banking moratorium and maintain the counters of the bank closed until a decision has been given by a competent judge."

The statement said a contributory cause of the request for a moratorium was the failure of negotiations aimed at having an outside banking group come to the rescue—identified by an ICB official as the Hapoalim Bank of Israel.

The official said the bank's assets covered all its liabilities. "We still hope to find a solution for the Israel Corporation deposits", he added.

Takeover bid to bring FMC back to farmers

By Anthony Rowley

The National Farmers' Union, acting through the NFU Development Trust, last night launched a surprise takeover bid for FMC, the quoted meat and by-products group which incorporates Marsh & Baxter/Harris, the pigmeat complex.

This is designed to bring FMC back under "farmer control", Mr David Darbishire, chairman of NFU Development Trust which already owns 40.9 per cent of FMC, said. The bid, which values FMC at £6.5m, was put to the FMC board yesterday afternoon and the directors' attitude towards it was unknown last night.

On the Stock Exchange the price of FMC's shares had risen 50 per cent to 60p by the close of dealings last night. This compares with the 65p a share in cash being offered by the NFU Development Trust.

The existing NFU stake in FMC represents the holding it retained on behalf of the NFU when FMC was floated as a public company in 1962. Previous to that the Fatstock Marketing Corporation, as it was named on being set up in 1954, was wholly owned by the NFU.

The reason for offering the public shares in FMC was to enable it to raise funds to buy Marsh & Baxter/Harris in 1962. However, the NFU Development Trust has now decided that "farmer control" of FMC is necessary again.

This is so that FMC "the largest meat wholesaling organization in the United Kingdom, can play a fuller part in creating greater stability of supply and price for producers, meat traders and housewives", the trust said in a statement last night.

"A new framework is needed which will give livestock producers clearer guidance on consumer needs and greater security in meeting them."

Under the NFU's wing, it is envisaged that the FMC will be able to increase cooperation throughout the meat industry and ensure that British farmers are better able to meet the industry's demands.

The NFU is underwriting the bid from its own resources. The bid is conditional on no reference being made to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Though FMC controls only about 12 per cent of the United Kingdom cattle and sheep slaughtering business and 26 per cent of pig slaughtering, the bid could be referred on grounds of the assets involved.

The Minister of Agriculture has been informed of the bid though no prior reference to the EEC authorities is required. FMC's preference shares are not the subject of a bid, and would remain quoted.

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Australian union leaders call for nationalization of Leyland plant

By Herbert Mishael and Edward Townsend

Australian union leaders yesterday called on the Government to nationalize British Leyland's unprofitable Australian car manufacturing operations which, in their present form, seem destined for closure.

Leyland's Sydney manufacturing plant was halted when 4,000 workers held a meeting at which officials of the vehicle building workers' union said that the Government should run the car works on the same lines as the French government conducts Renault.

Workers fears were heightened this week by reports that the company was discussing plans with the Government to sell the 64-acre Waterloo site—three miles from Sydney—and turn it into a huge housing estate.

British Leyland in London declined to comment yesterday and Mr David Abell, general manager of Leyland Australia, said that an official statement would be issued in the next few days.

Union leaders issued a warning that if the plan proceeded the Labour government would be signing its death warrant as far as the trade unions were concerned. Unionists would refuse to support a government which committed a work force of nearly 5,000 to unemployment and no prospects of securing work in the motor car industry.

Today, union leaders are to meet Mr Keppel Enderby, Minister for Manufacturing Industry, to discuss the situation. Mr Enderby has taken part in talks with Leyland which have been going on for the past seven weeks.

Mr T. Uren, Minister for Regional and Urban Development, and Mr W. G. Hayden, acting Treasurer, confirmed to reporters that discussions were taking place between the Government and company representatives.

They could neither confirm nor deny the rumours about the site being used for a big housing estate financed and controlled by the Federal government. Representatives of Leyland Australia said that negotiations with the Government were at a delicate stage and Mr Abell said that a lot of speculation about the future of the company in Australia was way off mark.

The situation is being heavily influenced by the fact that the Industries Assistance Committee's recent report expressed the opinion that there was room in Australia for only three motor car manufacturing companies and the implication that General Motors Holden, Ford, and Chrysler would be the companies to survive.

Leyland Australia has lost about $A15m (about £10m) in three years, and in terms of output and sales is bottom of the league. There has been a growing opinion at BLMC headquarters in London that the operation should be rationalized.

Now the company has the IAC report to back its view that volume car manufacture on a small scale is uneconomic and that the present stringent regulations governing the locally manufactured content of cars should be relaxed to allow imports of assembled vehicles.

Almost 5,000 workers are employed at the Sydney plant which produces about 30,000 Minis, Marinas and the ill-fated P76 models a year. Thousands more work in component suppliers' factories. The company also operates a profitable truck and bus plant at Milperra producing about 2,500 vehicles a year.

The scaling down of the Sydney plant, which now seems inevitable unless the Government can work out a formula to inject state aid into the operation, must lead to the demise of the P76, Leyland's all-Australian car which has achieved sales of about 20,000 since it was launched 18 months ago.

'Lack of purpose' in British export effort

By Peter Hill

Government policy towards export promotion and the ineptitude of some British outposts in vital overseas markets for British industry were severely censured yesterday by the head of a leading export company.

Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the Valor Company claimed that Britain's already mediocre performance in exports markets, compared with its international competitors, was steadily worsening.

Speaking at an export seminar in London he said that the axing of the British National Export Council and its replacement by the British Overseas Trade Board had dealt a cruel blow to British exporters. Mr Montague echoed the sense of disenchantment which pervades many sectors of industry over the lack of purpose and direction in the country's export effort.

Mr Montague's comments were made at a time when it is believed that the Confederation of British Industry has instructed its leaders to discuss with the new Government changes to the structure of the BOTB. It wants a bigger say in the running of the operations.

Industrialists made no secret of their opposition to the controversial decision under the last Tory government to wind up the BNEC which was partly financed by industry and was vigorously involved in elevating exporting as a management priority. The BOTB has tended to adopt a much lower profile, eschewing some of the brasher aspects of export promotion work.

It was not necessarily a reflection on the small band of men who comprised the new board, said Mr Montague, that their function in supervising government services for exporters could not have the same effect as the drive of several hundred businessmen had been able to achieve in the heyday of cooperation between companies and industries.

Turning to export credit facilities Mr Montague dismissed claims that Britain's export finance mechanism was the finest in the world as "a lot of rubbish".

"What bankers rightly look at, out of responsibility to their shareholders, is the creditworthiness of the borrower. The financing of exports needs to be taken right outside the ordinary financing of companies' operations; as has so successfully been achieved in Japan", he said.

Financial advisers in City dispute

By Margaret Drummond

A dispute has arisen between Tremletts, the engineering and timber group headed by Mr Jeffrey Pike, and Tower Assets, the group for which it made a successful takeover bid last year. It involves Arthur Young McClelland Moores & Co., the firm of chartered accountants who act as Tower's auditors, Dawnay Day, the merchant bank which advised the group during take over negotiations, and certain directors of Tower including Mr Stephen Maltz, the former chairman.

None of the parties involved would comment on the cause of the dispute yesterday, but it is understood to involve Tremlett's Dutch subsidiary, acquired as part of Tower Assets. It is highly unusual for financial, or professional advisers, to be involved in a controversy following completion of a takeover.

There has been some speculation as to the situation of the enlarged Tremletts group following references to "differences in the style of management" between it and Tower Assets made at the time of the takeover.

Mr Maltz has, during the past few weeks, resigned from the boards of both Tower and Greensquare Properties, a publicly quoted group in which Tremletts holds a 30 per cent stake.

Broking firm to stop trading next month

By Terry Byland

Formal notice is expected from The Stock Exchange today that Solomon and Co, a London-based stockbroking firm with nine partners and associate members, will cease trading on November 8.

Mr Ivor Lewisohn, senior partner of Solomon, stressed last night that the firm had chosen to cease trading "while financially sound" rather than to continue in an uncertain economic climate.

In a clear reference to the low level of turnover on The Stock Exchange, he added that the firm found it hard to predict a situation in which trading conditions could be expected to improve "in the foreseeable future".

Solomon expects to close all outstanding positions by November 8, and it is understood that no question of loss to members of the public is involved. The firm's business is spread between institutional and private clients.

The decision to cease trading reflects the deep gloom felt in stock market circles. Turnover in equities remains in the range of £30m-£40m a day, compared with £100m plus at the peak of the bull market.

Six firms have already chosen to cease trading during this year, while five have been "hammered" for financial failure. Also indicating the decline of market business is the increase in stockbroking mergers—24 firms have negotiated mergers this year.

Solomon employs 31 dealing, administrative and clerical staff.

The Stock Exchange disclosed yesterday the first results of its survey of the loan positions of member firms. The survey has disclosed that stockbroking firms have been reducing loans to clients, and that only some 20 accounts now fail to measure up to the council's new requirements.

Building group's statement on interest payment

Northern Developments, the estate developers who were reported over the weekend to be having intensive talks with their bankers, yesterday issued a statement stressing that the banking arrangements the company announced in July were continuing to operate satisfactorily.

Under these arrangements the group's major bankers (representing more than 95 per cent of its total bank borrowings) agreed to roll up interest payments for a temporary period. The group also made it clear yesterday that the study of the company's operations and structure (being carried out by Peat Marwick) was continuing and that there had been no boardroom changes recently.

Guilty plea by former Equity Funding chief

Los Angeles, Oct 9.—Mr Stanley Goldblum, the man who headed the now bankrupt Equity Funding Corporation of America, has pleaded guilty to charges arising from one of the biggest business scandals in the United States this century.

Mr Goldblum, aged 47, a former scrap metal dealer and meat salesman, was founder, chairman and president of the company, which was started in 1960 to sell mutual funds and insurance.

The financial conglomerate collapsed in April last year after a scandal over its operations, allegedly involving tens of millions of dollars in false insurance policies and non-existent corporate assets.

Mr Goldblum's decision yesterday to plead guilty to the five counts of conspiracy and securities and mail fraud, abruptly ended the jury trial after one week. He will be sentenced later.—Reuter.

Arrest warrant issued for Signor Sindona

Milan, Oct 9.—Dr Ovidio Urbisci, Milan's deputy public prosecutor, said today he had issued an arrest warrant for Signor Michele Sindon, Italian-born financier, on charges of illegal banking operations.

Dr Urbisci told journalists that Signor Sindona, aged 53, was charged on two counts of falsifying accounts and illegally dividing profits in connexion with the activities of his now defunct Banca Unione in 1970.

Signor Sindona, who is a naturalized Swiss, is believed to be in Switzerland. He could face 15 years' jail if he was convicted on the charges, but justice sources here said they saw little prospect of his being extradited.

Banca Unione was merged earlier this year with Banca Privata Finanziaria, another Sindona-owned bank, and became Banca Privata Italiana. This was put into liquidation at the end of September.—Reuter.

Dollar weakens after Ford policy statement

By Melvyn Westlake

Disappointment in President Ford's economic policy measures for tackling United States inflation, together with declining Eurodollar interest rates led to a fresh bout of speculation against the dollar on foreign exchanges yesterday.

Weakening in all the major European financial centres, the American currency slumped to its lowest level since early summer. By the close of trading, it was over 5 pfennigs lower against the West German mark (at 2.5565) and almost 3 centimes down against the Swiss franc (at 2.90).

Currency dealers viewed President Ford's economic "package" as a considerable anti-climax, particularly after the series of economic summit meetings that the President has been conducting, which had given rise to high expectations.

Poll forecast causes sharp fall in shares

By Our Financial Staff

Indications from opinion polls of a continued Labour lead brought sharp falls in London stock market prices ahead of the outcome of today's General Election. The fall in prices was accentuated by the sudden reversal of Tuesday's trend, when there were hints in the City of a last minute deterioration in Labour's chances.

Market indices showed substantial falls within the first hour of trading, and continued to fall away throughout the session. The *FT* index quickly abandoned the 200 mark which was regained on the previous day, and by the end of the trading session had lost 9.3 points to 191.9. *The Times* index, at 74.49 shed 2.45 points.

Growing concern at the Government's increasing financial deficit was largely responsible for further weakness in gilts. One sign of increased uncertainty was switching from the longer end of the market into "shorts".

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£4m bid for New River Company

London Merchant Securities, the property and industrial group headed by Sir Max Rayne, has made an agreed £4.6m cash offer for the ordinary shares and convertible loan stock in the New River Company, which was established by letters patent in 1619 and has a substantial portfolio of residential property in Islington, London.

London Merchant, which owns about 40 per cent of the equity, is offering £4.50p for each ordinary share. This compares to a net asset value on the basis of a revaluation of the properties in March this year of £8.45p, or £5.52p on full dilution. Convertible holders are being offered £148.50 per cent for their stock, which is equivalent to the price offered for the shares.

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 74.49 −2.45
FT index: 191.9 −9.3

Rises

Bk of NSW	45p to 325p	Philips Lamp	17p to 577p
Broken Hill	40p to 448p	Royco Group	1p to 12p
Commerzbank	10p to 710p	Spreckley. C.	2p to 12p
FMC	20p to 60p	Union Corp	18p to 340p
Gresham Inv	2p to 21p	Warren, J.	10p to 142p
Hollas Grp	2p to 25p	West'n Mining	10p to 107p
Kettering Mtr	7p to 66p	W Ribbons	4p to 22p

Falls

Adams Food	2p to 17p	GKN	6p to 141p
BP	10p to 256p	Imp Chem Ind	7p to 161p
Barclays Bk	7p to 138p	Plessey	3p to 57p
Beecham	4p to 131p	Slater Walker	7p to 61p
Christies Int	8p to 37p	Thorn Electric	10p to 100p
Distillers	3p to 85p	Union Discount	10p to 190p
GEC	5p to 65p	Whessoe	5p to 41p

Equities fell sharply on nervousness ahead of today's General Election.

Gilt-edged securities lost ground.

Sterling closed at $2.3415 yesterday, a net gain of 70 points on the day.

Gold rose by $1 on the day to $156¼.

SDR-$ was 1.19362 on Wednesday while SDR-£ was 0.509985.

Commodities: The London daily sugar price again rose yesterday, this time by £5 to £385.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.84	1.78
Austria Sch	44.75	42.75
Belgium Fr	93.25	90.50
Canada $	2.335	2.285
Denmark Kr	14.40	14.00
Finland Mkk	9.10	8.85
France Fr	1.30	11.00
Germany DM	6.20	6.00
Greece Dr	72.00	69.00
Hongkong $	11.85	11.50
Italy Lr	1655.00	1600.00
Japan Yn	725.00	700.00
Netherlands Gld	6.35	6.15
Norway Kr	13.00	12.65
Portugal Esc	66.00	61.50
S African Rd	1.84	1.77
Spain Pes	137.00	132.00
Sweden Kr	10.50	10.20
Switzerland Fr	7.00	6.75
US $	2.38	2.33
Yugoslavia Dnr	39.50	37.00

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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INTERIM STATEMENT

STANWOOD RADIO LIMITED

Interim Report

The unaudited results of the Company for the half-year ended 30th June, 1974, with relative comparisons, are as follows:—

	Six months to 30th June 1974 £	Six months to 30th June 1973 £	Year to 31st Dec. 1973 £
Turnover			
Cash Sales	1,283,000	913,000	2,185,000
Television Rentals	1,375,000	1,258,000	2,556,000
Hire Purchase	438,000	670,000	1,559,000
	£3,096,000	£2,841,000	£6,300,000
Trading Profit	£901,963	£947,209	£2,148,582
Deduct:—			
Depreciation	751,131	636,386	1,481,807
Interest charges	330,576	207,068	463,049
	£1,081,707	£843,454	£1,944,856
Net Profit	£ —	£103,755	£203,726
Net Loss	£179,744	—	—

At 31st December, 1973, the Company had some £570,000 of Deferred Tax Reserves, and these will be released into the Revenue Account against losses, if and when they occur.

Although turnover showed a small increase, Trading Profit was approximately 3% lower due to constantly reducing margins.

Depreciation was again at a higher level due to increased investment in television rental over the past few years. This charge will tend to level out in the future as older colour sets are fully written off.

Interest charges reached a peak by 30th June, due mainly to the crippling interest rate operating over the past year. Since that date borrowings are steadily being reduced through the Company's positive cash flow, and with the present trend towards lower interest rates this heavy charge should fall.

Current Trading

In the September quarter cash sales and hire purchase increased substantially compared with the first six months and as the December quarter is normally our busiest period, it is expected that turnover in the second half will be considerably higher than the half-year to June.

The requirement of 42 weeks advance payment on new rental contracts has continued to restrict new business and it is hoped that the restrictions may be eased once the election is over.

Every effort is being made to improve profitability, but it is essential to maintain a higher standard of service to the public and it is not easy to overcome inflationary pressures and reduce operating costs.

Interim Dividend

The Directors have not been able to recommend the payment of an interim dividend, but will review the matter when the results for the year are available.

In view of the present uncertainty regarding the economic and political outlook it would be unwise to forecast the immediate future, but the Directors are confident of the strength and viability of the Company.

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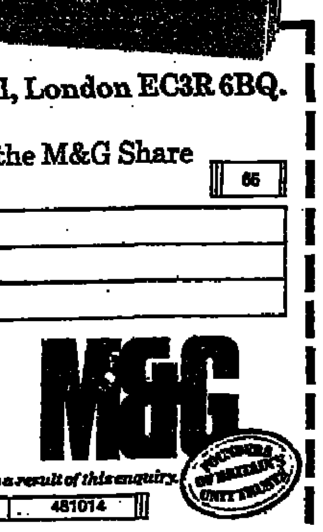
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OECD paves the way for detailed oil talks with producers

Tokyo, Oct 9.—Mr Emile van Lennep, secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), who is on a visit here, has told Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, Japanese Trade Minister, that the OECD would meet the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) at expert level in the first half of next year. They would discuss problems caused by the higher price of oil, Japanese sources said.

The sources added that Mr van Lennep told Mr Nakasone he had already met Mr Abderrahman Khene, OPEC secretary-general, to prepare for the meeting.

Mr Nakasone proposed that OECD should convene high-level conferences of its member countries specifically aimed at discussing problems posed by the oil-producing nations, such as the recycling of oil dollars and economic aid to developing countries, the sources said. Mr van Lennep agreed with the proposal.

Ecuador taxes: Ecuador has increased charges on the Texaco-Gulf Oil group in the country by 3.5 per cent retroactive to October 1 in keeping with a recent OPEC resolution, Señor Carlos Aguirre, presidential spokesman, said in Quito.

The increase includes a rise in income tax to 53 per cent from 45 per cent and an upward adjustment of 8.8 per cent in the price basis used to calculate the income tax.

It also includes an increase of 0.67 per cent in the proportion of the government-fixed daily export ceiling of 210.000 barrels on which royalties are paid. The government previously received 33,600 barrels daily in royalties. The rise in royalties equals an additional 1,407 barrels daily.

Ecuador owns a 25 per cent interest in the Texaco-Gulf group.

Mozambique prospecting: Oil prospecting in Mozambique will resume after a two-year break, the South African Press Association reported from Beira.

Hunt International Co, of America, is planning to begin drilling early next year in the Zambezi delta. Technicians and equipment are expected to start arriving in Beira in the next two weeks.

A new offshore drilling rig is being completed for the company in Scotland.

Gulf Oil Corporation is also expected to go ahead shortly with a new prospecting programme in the Cabo del Gado area of northern Mozambique.—Reuter and AP-DJ.

Kuwait 'inviting bids for cheaper crude'

Kuwait, Oct 9.—Kuwait was reported to be inviting 25 international oil companies to bid for 300 barrels of crude per day, for a two-year period from October 1, at 93 per cent of the posted price.

Al-Seyasseh, the daily newspaper, said the companies involved were European, American and Japanese.

The oil for sale is from the state's 60 per cent share of output under its participation deal with the owners of the Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait's leading producer.

The price asked, according to *Al-Seyasseh*, is the same as KOC's former co-owners, British Petroleum and the Gulf Oil Corporation, are paying this quarter for 900.000 barrels per day of oil "bought back" from the state share.

Nuclear power: Kuwait plans to start producing power from nuclear reactors by 1985, and will also investigate other energy sources as possible alternatives to oil, according to Mr Abdulla Al-Ghanim, the Minister for Electricity.

He told reporters that preparations for the nuclear scheme would start over the next two years, but gave no indication what other country or countries might be involved.

Mr Al-Ghanim, speaking to journalists in Kuwait, dealt mainly with the recent world energy conference at Detroit which he attended. He said the United States had diverted conference debates away from matters at issue and turned them into a political forum.

Inflation and a degenerating economic situation had created a depression in the United States, he said.

He added: "President Ford put all the blame on the producing countries for raising oil prices. . . . The Zionist press blamed the Arab oil states for the energy crisis."

But during the Detroit debates, Mr Al-Ghanim added, "it was found that America was the leading country in extravagant use of oil".—Reuter.

Offshore oil jobs for Mersey

The campaign to secure the maximum involvement of the North-West in supplying and servicing the offshore oil industry is already starting to produce results.

Various projects associated with the offshore operations could lead to 2,000 new jobs in the Merseyside area alone during the next 12 months, according to the Merseyside Industrial Development office.

Four companies are reported to be negotiating for sites in the Liverpool docks complex, part of the land released by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company

North Sea production likely to be controlled

By Peter Hill

Oil companies operating in the North Sea will be faced with controls on the rate at which oil is produced from offshire fields whichever government is returned after today's general election.

Mr John Liverman, a senior official at the Department of Energy reaffirmed the importance of conserving valuable resources in a speech to an offshore technology conference in London organized by the *Financial Times*. Offshore deposits were limited, he said, and governments could not be indifferent to their rate of exploitation and exhaustion.

"Even on the eve of a general election, I can say that powers of control over depletion rates will be taken here, since all political parties have stated their support for such action, although the powers themselves and the way in which they would be exercised remain to be seen."

The task would not be easy, said Mr Liverman. Producers needed some assurance that they would be allowed to exploit their discoveries at a rate which would ensure an economic return on their investment

But governments needed to preserve a measure of flexibility in their energy policy

Cleveland share: Cleveland County Council in north-east England claimed yesterday that companies within its area had possibly the highest regional share of the estimated £1,000m of offshore contracting work being undertaken in the United Kingdom.

Councillor Maureen Taylor, speaking at a press conference in London said that orders completed in the past two years and in hand in the region amounted to about £200m.

This information had been revealed in a recent survey carried out by the authority's planning department, which had also shown that more than 100 companies in the area were involved in offshore oil contracts employing 5,000 workers.

Xerox anti-trust settlement plan

Stamford, Connecticut, Oct 9.—Xerox Corporation said it had reached a proposed agreement to settle a Federal Trade Commission anti-trust complaint against it.

Under the terms of the agreement, Xerox said the company would be required to make available certain existing technology on its existing office copier products to its United States patent licensees, excluding International Business Machines Corporation, for five years. The information would be for American use only.

The company also said it would be required to make certain modifications in its volume discount pricing policies.—AP-Dow Jones.

Furniture makers and retailers cutting delay on deliveries

By David Young

Furniture makers and retailers are now catching up with the big increase in demand which has caused serious delivery delays to customers over the past 18 months.

Reports of lengthy delays between orders being placed and goods delivered are reinforced by a report in *Which?* magazine today. This claims that delivery of furniture often takes twice as long as the time quoted.

Manufacturers have now rearranged production schedules to meet increased demand for popular lines and delivery services have been improved.

G-Plan, one of the largest furnituremakers which last year was quoting over a year for delivery of some of its items, has now cut delivery times to weeks.

Habitat Designs and Schreiber Furniture have now developed their own delivery networks. Mr Terence Conran of Habitat said that road and rail delivery networks had become so congested that delays were increasing and items misrouted.

The problem was caused by an unforeseen demand for furniture, he said, which has continued and is now being met. More furniture is now being sent in quick-assembly form which reduces the risk of damage in transit, another point raised by *Which?*

The *Which?* report says that a quarter of the 2,000 items involved in the survey were delivered with some damage. The damage was subsequently repaired, but in some cases this was not done for up to 12 months.

Which? also reports that apart from automatic washing machines and tumble-driers, electrical household appliances have not improved in reliability since the magazine's last survey in 1971. There has also been no improvement in servicing.

Freezers are the most reliable of domestic appliances and dishwashers the most unreliable.

Legal & General gives £3m cash boost to subsidiary

By Our Financial Staff

Legal & General is making a £3m cash injection into Victory Insurance, its reinsurance subsidiary, it was revealed yesterday in the group's interim report.

The move, which follows Norwich Union's £30m cash injection into its short term operations earlier this week, is a further indication of the extent to which the insurance industry is suffering from the collapse in market values of its investment assets, combined with the impact of inflation on liabilities.

Legal & General acquired Victory early in 1973 for £4.6m. A note to the group's annual accounts shows that the subsidiary made a trading loss and suffered a diminution of around £1.6m in the market value of its investments between the date of acquisition and Legal & General's calendar year end. The £3m injection announced yesterday is designed "to put the solvency of Victory beyond any doubt".

Highlights of the interim report include a 68 per cent increase in new pensions premiums from £13m to £21.8m, attributed to the requirements of the Conservative Government's Social Security Act, which stimulated employers to extend and improve pension schemes.

Life premiums were down from £5.9m to £5.5m because of unfavourable economic conditions, while general insurance premiums were 27 per cent up from £21.2m to £26.9m.

While Legal & General has continued to make progress despite difficult economic conditions, the statement says that the group will be adversely affected if these are prolonged.

Even after the recent relaxation on dividend controls, the effects of restraint on other investment media, particularly property, were continuing to have a severe effect.

CBI tax relief scheme

Industrial leaders are to meet tomorrow to complete taxation proposals to be put before a new Government. The taxation committee of the Confederation of British Industry has been drawing up proposals for a radical change in the treatment of stock appreciation for tax purposes.

The CBI study is expected to be among the first documents to be put before the new Chancellor of the Exchequer by industry. Stock appreciation arises when the cost of replacing a company's stock has risen above its original cost.

To maintain the same level of activity, the company then has to find additional cash to buy the same amount of stock. Since the tax system makes no allowance for replacement costs, the strain on company liquidity is increased in a period of inflation—particularly when increases cannot be passed on in the form of higher prices.

If the Labour Party wins the election, the CBI is expected to respond immediately to Mr Wilson's invitation to join the Government in talks on the social contract. Mr Wilson's invitation now throws the onus on industrial leaders to back up their criticisms of the social contract with constructive proposals for its improvement.

Lever call for state bank to aid industry

A government investment bank to make long-term loans to private enterprise was proposed yesterday by Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

"It would encourage effort in industry especially in the exports field," he said at Labour's north west headquarter's in Salford, Lancashire. Whitehall sources said that work was "proceeding on a number of contingency plans for assisting the company sector, and an investment bank along the lines proposed by Mr Lever is one of these possibilities."

The big banks had a lukewarm response to the plan. "We would have some reservations concerning the need for a new institution to channel funds into industry bearing in mind the existence of Finance for Industry", a spokesman for the Banking Information Service said.

"This was established last year, bringing together the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation and the Finance Corporation for Industry, who already act in this way", he added.

Mr Lever earlier said his GIB "would make immediate long-term funds available through the banking system to private enterprise. It would encourage effort in industry, especially in the exports field. Substantial funds would be made available on special terms to different parts of the country in accordance with their particular needs.

Scheme for EEC loan to transfer petro-dollars

From David Cross
Brussels, Oct 9

A draft scheme for the floating of an EEC loan designed to transfer petro-dollars to member countries with balace-of-payments problems was approved today by the European Commission.

It will be sent to member governments for discussions by their finance ministers at a meeting due to be held in Luxembourg on October 21.

According to Commission sources, the scheme would provide the legal basis for the setting up of an orderly mechanism for the floating of any future loans.

The Commission feels that the system it is proposing should be of a permanent nature

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Self-employed tax will hit the clergy hard

From the Rev J. E. Burgess

Sir, One group of self-employed persons who will be hard hit by the new tax burden for National Insurance in Class 4 will be the clergy.

The recommended stipend scales now mean that most dioceses have a minimum income from all sources of £1.800 per annum for incumbents, and the majority of clergy will have this new tax to pay.

Many clergy already find the payment of £2.41 a week difficult to find, and if Church Councils' attempt to be generous and help with the cost it is promptly taxed by the Inland Revenue as a taxable emolument.

Perhaps the anachronism whereby clergy have self-employed status should now be ended.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN E. BURGESS.
Rural Dean,
St John the Baptist Church,
Keynsham,
Bristol.
October 7.

From F. J. Howlett

Sir, I was glad to see letters in your columns about the new form of taxation that is to be introduced in April, 1975, on the self-employed, though I was sorry that a matter of such importance did not appear on the middle pages.

The self-employed have been singled out for harsh treatment over national insurance contributions and benefits for some time. In September, 1971, the Class 1 stamp was £3.03, of which the employee paid £0.88 and the self-employed stamp was £1.50.

Today, the Class 1 stamp is £2.47 of which the employee pays £0.75 whereas the self-employed stamp is £2.41. The employer can charge his share of the Class 1 stamp against profits for tax purposes, but the self-employed can charge no part of his stamp.

For those who have not read leaflet NP7, as from April 1 next, the self-employed will continue to pay the flat rate contribution. Additionally, there will be a new earnings related contribution for the self-employed.

The leaflet states that this contribution will be at the rate of 5 per cent of earnings between £1,150 and £2,500 and then goes on to say that the rate will not be this at all but something quite different, to be announced at a later date.

The tax will normally be collected by the Inland Revenue "along with Schedule D Tax". The self-employed are to receive nothing in return for this additional payment.

There is one escape route for some self-employed. It seems that company directors who up till now have been treated as self-employed for national insurance purposes will now be treated as employed, thus being enabled to charge the greater part of their Class 1 contribution against profits for tax purposes and at the same time escaping the new tax on self-employment.

Unfortunately this escape route is not available to the members of most professions, as they cannot turn their professional practices into limited companies. I am in this category and I am pursuing the idea of making my wife my employer.

She would have to pay national insurance contributions as a self-employed person, but we could so arrange my salary that there would be insufficient profit left with my wife for her to have to pay the new self-employment tax.

The greater part of my Class 1 stamp would be charged against profits for tax purposes and I would become eligible to draw unemployment benefit, which I am not as a self-employed person.

I can only assume that this vindictive new tax is being introduced because the self-employed are thought to be paying less tax than they should. You can be pretty sure that those who are evading tax at present will take good care that they pay no more in future.

And some of the great majority of the self-employed who are not guilty of tax evasion will be tempted to follow the example of those less honest.

Yours faithfully,
F. J. HOWLETT,
Red House,
Yetminster,
Sherborne,
Dorset.

From Mr David Green

Sir, The principle of the Class 4 surcharge on National Insurance for the self-employed was created by the Conservative Social Security Act of 1973. The rate then contemplated was 5 per cent on a lower band than mentioned by your correspondents.

My information is that Mrs Castle had a Bill before the Commons to raise the rate to 8 per cent on the £1,600 to £3,600 profit band, but that this Bill fell before the dissolution of Parliament for the present election.

If that is correct (and given the strike generated chaos at the Stationery Office one cannot be sure) it would seem that the department, in issuing the uprated version of NP7, are assuming that the next Government will sort things out before April, 1975.

I am told that the logic behind Mrs Castle's proposed increase was that inflation had eroded the value of the original proposal which dated from 1972. That logic, if correct, ignores the fact that the self-employed have had a total freeze on their earnings since 1972. Both phase 2 and phase 3 regulations contain the provision:

"Increases in labour costs . . may not include any element in respect of proprietors' or partners', as distinct from employees' time."

The self-employed are therefore to pay an additional tax in respect of an inflation in which they have by statute been prevented from securing a commensurate increase in their earnings.

It should be noted that the new impost is geared to Schedule D profits—not to taxable income, and that a person with substantial personal allowances and a low Schedule D income with minimal tax liability may nevertheless catch the full force of the new burden. It will bear particularly harshly on young people newly established in the professions, who frequently have low incomes and very heavy commitments.

Dr Michael Winstanley, member for Cheadle in the last Parliament and with whom I have corresponded on the issue, is well aware of the problem. Self-employed people who are affected by it would do well to canvass the views of the candidates in the election, and their members after it, if they do not contemplate with equanimity an extra bill from the Inland Revenue of up to £160 in 1975—for nothing.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
Castle Morris,
Near Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire.

From Mr Keith A. Mallinson

Sir, A number of your correspondents are rather critical o the new National Health Insurance contributions for th self-employed.

I would interpret the fact as follows:—

(a) The proposals were implicit in the Tory 1973 Socia Security Act (although on profits between £1,150 to £2,500 at 5 per cent, Labour £1,600 t £3,000 at 8 per cent).

(b) The self-employed will benefit from higher pensions and also earn the same pensio rights as employees, although they will only pay 65 per cent of the combined employer employee contribution.

(c) It should also be notec that while employees must pay the levy on current pay, the self-employed will pay this in arrears.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH A. MALLINSON,
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Kew, Richmond,
Surrey.

Property and the training of valuers

From Mr K. W. Forbes

Sir, In his letter published on September 19 Mr Rex Hudson invites amplification of the statement that The Incorporated Society of Valuers & Auctioneers (ISVA) pays "continuous attention and study" to the importance of keeping pace with trends and conditions in property valuation, with particular reference to the property assets of quoted companies.

The training and experience of the individual valuer enable him to interpret the property market under changing conditions, but the society is aware of the need to supplement this knowledge when severe economic pressures and political decisions can and do make an unprecedented impact on the property market.

At regular intervals the society organizes conferences in conjunction with the Centre for Advanced Land Use Studies (CALUS), a division of the College of Estate Management, University of Reading, to enable members of the profession to keep abreast both of general and specialized property subjects. A series of conferences on valuation and commercial property interests has included a course directed precisely to the issue raised by your correspondent and the most recent held at the University on September 20-22 covered "The Management of Property Development". I may add that these conferences are guided not by theorists, but by property developers, consultants, planners, solicitors, stockbrokers, merchant bankers, accountants and others, including valuers and surveyors directly involved in the development, valuation, management and realization of property assets. The treatment of property values in company accounts was comprehensively dealt with in a memorandum we published in 1972 and wide ranging practice notes and articles appear in the society's monthly journal *The Valuer*.

Mr Hudson questions our examination standards and states, correctly, that ISVA came into being as recently as 1968, but fails to point out that it was formed by the amalgamation of The Incorporated Society of Auctioneers & Landed Property Agents (ISALPA) founded in 1924 and The Valuers' Institution founded in 1927. The Valuers' Institution "closed its doors" to admission to corporate membership, other than by examination, in 1962, and as a former member of ISALPA Mr Hudson is no doubt aware that that society had already imposed the same restriction in 1950. Corporate membership is still attainable only by passing examinations which are now wholly controlled by an independent examinations board under the chairmanship of Mr Frank Layfield, QC.

Space will not permit me to itemize all the examination subjects, but of the nine papers which make up Part II of the Final under the general practice syllabus, four are devoted to valuation and cover development, taxation, rating and compensation as well as more general aspects such as investment, mortgage and estate duty.

Any of your readers interested in obtaining further information on the training and examination of our members is welcome to get in touch with the education officer at this headquarters.

Yours faithfully,
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Centre to test cement needed

From Mr A. J. Harris

Sir, The failure of a structure built with high-alumina cement has caused alarm concerning the soundness of many other buildings so built. Extensive testing is under way.

I plead for the setting up of a centre at which the results of these tests would be collected and a situation report kept for inspection.

The tests are of two sorts: non-destructive on materials in situ and destructive on samples or whole members cut from the structure. The latter are more troublesome and costly and hence less often carried out, but they are also more revealing and reliable.

By the collation of all results, the former could be better calibrated against the latter and their credibility determined. Thus time and money would be saved, and the gravity of the problem could be better appraised.

The proposed centre would provide fact, not advice, and responsibility for structural decisions would remain where it is now. Confidentiality of information would have to be respected.

Very few research bodies have concerned themselves with this cement, whence much of the trouble. The Building Research Establishment is one such. Who better to set up and operate this report centre?

Yours faithfully,
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Interim Report for the six months ended 30th June 1974

	1974	1973
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Currys' margins are cut to shreds

Marks & Spencer may have had good cause to complain about government enforced cuts in gross margins, but in the case of Currys there was never any question of the group being up against its reference levels in the first place.

Fierce competition from the discounters and, more particularly, the department stores has seen to that, as too has the emphasis on shifting stocks (built up ahead of the three-day week) in the face of stagnant demand—the rise in cash sales roughly offsetting the slump in credit trading.

So, throw in the rise in general costs too and we have first-half profits on straight cash sales down from £3.2m to a mere £455,000. But that, fortunately, is only a part of the story. With new credit sales falling away and last December's new regulations bringing in the average maturity of credit business quite sharply, outstanding balances at the end of the half year are down by around a seventh (on the previous year end) and there is a net release from the unmatured profit provision of £1.72m.

How far the position will recover over the rest of the year clearly depends on any government action and Christmas spending. Recently, however, sales have been picking up again, while the upping of prices by the competition has allowed a recovery in gross margins, and a combination of stock and staff reduction has helped ease pressure on the net. Where all this will leave Currys by the year end is anyone's guess, but at least there is the consolation of a strong balance sheet, while the yield on a maintained dividend would be 12 per cent at last night's closing price of 38p.

nterim 1974-75 (1973-74)
apitalization £8.9m
ales £41.5m (£35.8m)
re-tax profits £2.17m (£3.15m)

hristies

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28 per cent interim pre-tax ownturn on the back of a 12 er cent increase in turnover is he kind of result that could do hristies International's stock arket standing some damage. lere, after all, appeared to be classic geared situation, where at commission rates mean that ising sales values, whether nflation or volume inspired, hould have a disproportionely large effect on profits. ow marked this effect has een in the past is clear enough om the escalation in margins om 6 per cent in 1969 to 42½ er cent in the first half of last ear.

Since the trading background as continued healthy, there as thus nothing to foreshadow e severity of the setback to argins—down to 27½ per cent —and the market's surprise was mply apparent in an 8p fall in e shares to 37p. With only one eek of the October-July selling ason still to go, Christies was porting sales values up by 31 er cent to £44.3m and the umber of sales up from 397 1972/73 to 488. And, although yers were taking a more lective view, prices in general mained firm throughout the riod.

Judging by the £1.4m of net sh in the balance sheet at the ginning of the year, investent income is probably someat higher than last year's 9,000, which suggests that erating expenses have risen ry sharply indeed, possibly by much as a half.

In short, Christies' apparent built inflation proofing has t served to protect it from flation, and that must prompt me basic questioning of sumptions about the rating of e shares which are still lling at 6½ times last year's rnings. With a wealth tax king in the background as well, the glamour image is beginning to look decidely tarnished.

Mr David Breeden, chairman of Wilmot Breeden: interim dividend cut.

Interim: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £7.58m
Sales £3.06m (£2.74m)
Pre-tax profits £0.84m (£1.17m)
Dividend gross 1.12p

Wilmot Breeden

Energy crisis damage

At first sight it is hard to reconcile what happened at Wilmot Breeden with the company's view in April that it had come through the three-day week relatively well. Now, reporting interim profits down from £2.2m to only £0.76m, Wilmot blames the effects of the energy crisis both at home and overseas, and, of course, reverbrations from the three-day week.

In fact, in the confusion that followed the three-day week when industry went hell for leather to make up lost ground and replenish stocks it was easy enough to be optimistic. As we now know, it proved to be something of a false dawn, and in the case of Wilmot and other major suppliers to the motor industry industrial disputes throughout the spring and summer at motor companies have caused severe problems.

All this helps to explain that sales were static in value terms, and of course sharply down in volume. The position overseas was almost as difficult. In France, where Wilmot has a substantial business, the motor industry was plunged into uncertainty by the energy crisis, and Wilmot's schedules were cut accordingly. Since then there has been some improvement, but at this stage Wilmot has cut the interim dividend and is making cautious noises about the final. At 27p, yielding 13½ per cent assuming no cut in the final, the sares are likely to stay in the cold for some time.

Interim: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £5.6m
Sales £27m (£27.4m)
Pre-tax profits £0.76m (£2.2m)
Dividend gross 0.97p (1.178p)

FMC

A farmers' bid

There is a formidable farming stake in FMC, and one which may well swing behind the NFU bid for special reasons, but that should not deter other shareholders from questioning the generosity of the bid.

The NFU, after all, makes no secret of the fact that it feels FMC, as a quoted public company, has tended to put shareholders' interests before those of farmers. Whether or not this is valid criticism, the essential point is that the NFU believes it will be able to reorganize the meat markets more to the farmers' advantage if it resumes control of FMC.

One might expect the farming interests behind the NFU, which is underwriting the bid, to pay a significant premium in this case. Yet, though the 65p a share cash compares with a price of 32p in the market a few days ago, this is hardly a fair yardstick given the economic climate. As it happens, the offer price is precisely what FMC was floated at 12 years ago though on an inflation adjusted basis the two figures would look very different. The £6.5m total value of the bid has to be seen moreover against net assets of around £9m, including a high proportion of land and buildings. And, for what it is worth, the historic exit p/e is just 4.

If the farming interests which have held around 30 per cent of the FMC equity (in addition to the 40.9 per cent held by the NFU) since the company was floated should swing behind the bid, it will probably not be for financial reasons alone. The NFU is promising to improve its production and marketing lot, via FMC. However, FMC will probably have something to say about the wisdom of "farmer control" and all shareholders may be wise to ensure they attach importance to pure investment considerations in this case.

LMS

After the write-downs

An unhappy tale emerged yesterday from Sir Max Rayne's London Merchant Securities, and that the shares closed unchanged at 19p can be attributed simply to the market having taken due heed of the tone of the interim statement and done its sums accordingly.

Inevitably, there was a slowdown in property income following the freeze on rent reviews. But what caused the damage, in addition to a £710,000 charge against profits for interest and outgoings on the North American properties, was the LMS gearing. Thanks to a higher tax rate and virtually unchanged minorities of £1.6m attributable to outside shareholders in the consolidated Carlton Industries, a pre-tax decline of a seventh becomes a fall of a half at the earnings level. The upshot is the passing of the final dividend and the one for 10 scrip issue is scant recompense in these income-hungry days.

While some profits, although undisclosed at this stage, have been included arising from the sale of the Hay's Wharf stake to St Martins (with more to come following the Kuwaiti bid), the investments in Beaverbrook and Edward Bates have proved an expensive venture. Provision has been made in the accounts to write the two stakes down by £11m, which, after the inclusion of a development property net surplus of £4m and writing off £2.5m in North America, reduces net asset value from £47m to around £41m.

Much obviously depends on today's events as to the future, but a useful indication would be to include in the accounts, due next week, the extent to which borrowings have dropped since March. The shares are unattractive.

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £10m
Sales £64.7m (£56.9m)
Pre-tax profits £5.61m (£6.46m)
Earnings per share 2.28p (4.47p)
Dividend gross 0.95p (2.50p)

French mount a nuclear attack on their oil imports bill

"C'est decidé. Donc ce sera fait." The words fell from the lips of the young technocrat without a trace of irony.

Perhaps his older and more experienced colleagues would have added an "en principe"—the traditional and reluctant homage which Frenchmen pay to the existence of a real world that does not always conform to rational expectations.

None the less, the remark conveys pretty accurately the mood of the French administration as, under new political leadership, it confronts the world economic crisis.

The particular decision he referred to was the nuclear energy programme adopted in March this year—a programme so ambitious that it has met with some scepticism among energy experts on this side of the Channel.

Thirteen nuclear power stations with light-water reactors are to be started during 1974 and 1975, and the government expects to keep up "approximately the same rhythm"—that is six or seven 900-megawatt reactors a year—until the end of the decade.

Besides this, work is going ahead on EURODIF, the joint French-Belgian - Italian-Spanish separation factory on the Rhône, which the French expect by 1980 to produce enough enriched uranium by the diffusion process to fuel a *hundred power stations*; and in the middle of next year work will start on Superphénix, a 1,200-megawatt fast breeder reactor to be built with German and Italian participation.

The French are clearly thrilled by the success of their 250-megawatt prototype fast breeder, Phénix, which last year overtook its cousin at Dounreay and since the beginning of this year has actually been connected to the national electricity grid. They regard the invention of a reactor which produces its own fuel as a kind of philosopher's stone of the modern age—the answer to the Club of Rome's warning that the world will run out of natural resources.

But they admit that this technology is still largely an unknown quantity, and that insuperable obstacles to its commercial exploitation may yet be encountered. (For instance, environmental hazards, although they argue that *a priori* fast breeders should be less dangerous than the present generation of reactors, because they do not involve pressure.)

The French Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique has close contacts with Britain's Atomic Energy Authority, and its officials (unlike some French political leaders) speak with respect of the Dounreay reactor. Clearly they would welcome Franco-British cooperation on the next stage of fast breeder technology.

In any case the industrial dimension (3,000 to 4,000 megawatts) will not be reached for another 10 or 15 years.

In the meantime France is relying mainly on light-water reactors (most of them built under Westinghouse licence but some on the General Electric boiling water model) to enable her to cut down oil imports.

Of course, even this is only a middle-term prospect. In the short term oil consumption is *expected to rise from* 15,000 million tons in 1973 to 23,000 or 25,000 million in 1980-82.

Only then will it start to drop steeply, to 4,000 or 5,000 million in 1985. ("Perhaps zero", one high official said, dreaming no doubt of electric or electronic cars.)

The French argue that the decision to go all out for nuclear energy is imposed on them by their lack of alternative resources such as Britain's rich coal seams and North Sea oil. They are acutely aware of their dependence on imported oil, which constrains them to what some of them regard as *des actes de bassesse* (bowing and scraping) towards the oil producers.

Paradoxically, this policy has led them to opt out of contingency plans for oil-sharing between consumer countries. They seem reluctant to believe that America would really share its supplies in a crisis, and fear that the only effect of these American-sponsored plans will be to antagonize the producers, and especially the Arabs.

But for the price increase, France would now be running a trade surplus, instead of a deficit of more than 2,000m francs per month.

The government is determined to get the foreign trade account back into balance by the end of next year. To some extent this can be helped by developing home resources, but the scope here seems small: some pit closures are being postponed, and there will probably be some expansion of hydro-electric capacity.

More important are measures to reduce energy consumption and, above all, the effort to cover the deficit by increased exports. According to the finance minister, M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the government aims to reduce oil imports by 10 per cent in 1975.

"We believe we can do it by slowing down economic *growth*, by *economizing on* household fuel, and by speed limits on the motorways," he said.

In fact the projected growth rate remains surprisingly high by present international standards: 4.8 per cent this year, and 4 to 4.2 per cent next year. But officials point out that this in fact represents "the biggest slow-up for 15 years", since during that period the annual average has been 6 per cent.

They argue that to slow more abruptly than this would be dangerous because the working population is still growing by 0.6 to 0.7 per cent per year, and per capita productivity is also still growing faster in France than abroad.

In other words, unemployment remains a bogey. Government statements invariably list "the maintenance of employment" among the aims of economic policy, alongside the fight against inflation and the restoration of the trade balance.

But the Prime Minister recently made it clear that reducing inflation had the first priority, and full employment only the second. The present rate of inflation—14 to 15 per cent—is admitted to be "no longer tolerable", especially as it is twice that of West Germany, France's biggest commercial partner.

Employers argue that government policies over the past 15 years have in fact created an acute labour shortage in France, even though France has one of the most generous unemployment benefit systems in Europe, which should have made it possible to allow a certain slack in the economy and so increase mobility of labour.

Ministers are not saying so in public, but they are clearly counting on the fear of unemployment to moderate wage demands, and the fear of bankruptcy to moderate firms' willingness to pay.

They are discreetly strengthening price controls, but fight shy of any direct attempt to control incomes. Instead they are introducing an anti-inflation tax (*taxe conjoncturelle*) which is rather more sophisticated than the Liberal proposal in Britain.

It is based on a calculation of the average firm's increase in production, plus a government approved level of price rises. Any company whose total "value added" has risen by more than the amount resulting from this calculation is presumed to have raised its prices by more than the permitted average, unless it can prove otherwise.

The "superfluous" fraction of value added will therefore be taxed at a punitive and steeply progressive rate, and the proceeds put in a special non - interest - bearing account which can be used to improve the rate of interest paid to small savers.

The money will be returned to the firms concerned if and when inflation has been successfully checked. (The criterion for this is not yet definitely decided but will probably be a period of three consecutive months in each of which the retail price index rises by less than 0.5 per cent.)

The firm remains free to spend its legitimate income in wage increases or otherwise as it sees fit. Consequently this tax will be at best a very indirect form of wage control.

However, government statistics show that recent wage increases have been financed, not by increased corporate incomes but mainly by borrowing abroad. The government apparently hopes that in the months to come the cooler economic climate will discourage firms from adopting this expedient, and that the labour market will be slack enough for wage-earners no longer to exert the same bargaining strength.

To understand this one must remember that trade unions have a much smaller membership in France than in Britain, and the behaviour of the workforce is less predictable. The government probably expects some kind of confrontation with the unions in the new year, but believes that the political and economic atmosphere will be such that it can win.

Edward Mortimer

Price complexities in the world sugar crisis

Hugh Clayton and John Woodland review the background to the shortage

Despite government prayers to the contrary, the sugar crisis in Britain shows no sign of abating. Almost all retail supplies are still rationed, albeit by shopkeepers and not by the Government, while output of home-grown beet is still to be restricted in this country by the EEC.

Refiners indignantly deny that they are buying back free market sugar that they processed and exported from this country. Shopkeepers angrily reject the refiners' supply figures while consumers mutter darkly about stocks being held in warehouses in order to take advantage of the next price increase.

The Ministry of Agriculture has behaved publicly as if it believes that ignoring the shortage will make it fade away. Retailers accuse it of failing to heed their spring warnings about low supplies, since when it has steadfastly refused to take over the responsibility for rationing from the shop trade.

The result has been a frightening illustration of the ease in which public confidence in food markets can be eroded. If a shortfall of less than 20 per cent for one commodity can lead to assaults on supermarket managers, what might an acutely shortage-conscious public do if more than one basic food all but disappeared from store displays?

But the sugar problem in Britain, now compounded by a sickly crop of home-grown beet, is but an exaggerated reflection of a world crisis in the commodity. It is worth bearing in mind that the British public, with its unusually sweet tooth, consumes a minute proportion of world supplies.

Confirmation that the world sugar economy was in crisis came yesterday from Dr Albert Viton of the commodities and trade division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

He said in Bonn after visiting the sugar industry in West Germany that the FAO had been concerned at least five years ago about global supply prospects. "We pointed out that it was only a matter of time before prices would begin to rise.

"Our prediction of a growing imbalance between supply and demand, which would be adjusted by rising prices, possibly even by a prices explosion, could be proved wrong—we stated this time and time again—only by starting immediately on measures to expand production on a scale greater than seemed on the cards.

"Preliminary data indicate that during 1970-74 world consumption exceeded production by 6.5 to 7.5 million tons."

Dr Viton said that preliminary data showed that in the 83 countries which accounted for 96 per cent of consumption in the non-communist world (amost 55 million tons), the "real" price in 1973 was only 3 per cent higher than in 1970.

He estimates the "real" price increases for the 83 countries this year at between 5 and 10 per cent, possibly more—the greatest upsurge on record. But the crucial point is that more than 90 per cent of the increases will be limited to a few very high income countries, accounting for less than 20 per cent of consumption.

Consequently world offtake will be only slightly affected, probably only 500,000 to 750,000 tons out of an estimated world consumption of 79 million tons.

Another startling fact, he said, was that in the exporting, self-sufficient and near self-sufficient countries in Europe, Latin America and Asia, consuming about 40 million tons in 1974, "real" prices actually continued to decline during the year and with accelerating momentum.

Dr Viton believes that during the first nine months of this year prices fell on the average in these countries by 5-10 per cent to an all-time low.

Since prices in countries which account for about 80 per cent of world consumption, including the communist nations, are regulated in some way or another, and have not been allowed to rise sufficiently to have a significant impact on demand, it was inevitable that any tightness in supplies should bring about great price pressure on the marginal quantities entering world trade.

That this international trade, which accounts for less than a quarter of world consumption, is a marginal market, and therefore suffers from exaggerated price effects both up and down, has been the commonplace of sugar economics.

Normally a price explosion in the world market as that witnessed in sugar, would trigger off a boom in production. But this has been quite mild.

Dr Viton restricted specific national illustration of his case to the United States, on the ground that this was sufficiently remote from his audience not to arouse their wrath.

But the British experience provides a useful illustration, with the paradox of farmers muttering about reducing beet sowings in the 1975 season because of low returns, while the farmers' unions, supported by Mr Peart, the Minister of Agriculture, press for reversal *of the EEC Commission's ban* on expansion of the British beet acreage.

Domestic expansion is governed by domestic prices and not those for exports. In the cane-producing nations the profitability of growing sugar, although it has risen, has suffered in comparison with that of other crops.

Dr Viton gave a warning yesterday against assuming that high world prices will persist indefinitely. He suggested that the average world market price in the next five years would be less than £150 a ton, or less than half of the record figures registered on the London market this year.

Although there was little chance that new production could be brought in at this price it would be foolish to overlook the possibility of a bumper world crop. "Rising productivity is in the long run the best guarantee of survival", he added.

This is the world context in which Britain is about to dismantle the traditional Commonwealth Sugar Agreement and embark on a sugar policy that is fully absorbed by the EEC.

Last month M Lardinois, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, said that after March 1 next year the Community and not the British Government would be responsible for the supply of sugar to the United Kingdom.

He unveiled a plan to channel Britain's traditional supplies from Commonwealth cane producers through the Community at a subsidized price.

He said nothing about the claims that other Community members might make on such supplies. Britain after all is not the only EEC country in which there is a danger of under-use of refining capacity.

Business Diary: Bull market in Stock Exchange artists

chie Gunn, an associate mem- of brokers Keith, Bayley, gers & Co, was busier trad- yesterday than many other Stock Exchange man. s pitch, however, was not the Exchange but in the apers' Hall, and he was deal- not in shares but in pottery l paintings.

Gunn was celebrating his first as chairman of the Stock change Art Society in fine le. When Ross Davies, siness Diary's art critic, ke to him, he was busily ping the books and accept- cheques on exhibitors' be- f during a very successful t day of the society's 56th ual exhibition.

le said the society had been y worried that there would a fall in the number of ex- its this year after the savage f prunings of recent months. the event, not only is the nout almost as good as last r's record show, but by the of lunchtime City art lovers forked out more than £450, rly half the total for last e.

he Exchange's present pes- ism is belied by the subjects sen by its bohemian ele- it. Gunn, for instance, has e pictures hung and both in subjects and treatment por- s himself as both an opti- t and a Romantic. Gunn's e titles such as "Evening at h Venacher" or "Light and de, Carsaig Bay, Isle of l"—all in bravura strokes heavy on the green.

hile T. Atamaniuk is show- an "Agony and Hope", there is little fire and brimstone to be seen—certainly no snapshots of hell after Goya by such as Richard Thompson, the Exchange's official assignee, and the man who presides after a hammering.

Dorothy Duval appears to have cornered the topicality market. She is showing a "Lonrho Still Life", a group of cognac and sherry bottles against a newspaper, whose main story asks "The Lonrho Power Game: Could TV Do It Better?"

Evidently a devotee of "balance", the artist has—at £50, half the "Lonrho" price—a "Unions Still Life". This one looks like a pound of sprats—or are they red herrings?—lying across a *Daily Express*, whose splash story proclaims "Unions Back Chaos Call".

A good half of the contributors are women. This, Gunn explains, is because membership of the art society is open to the female relatives of Stock Exchange members and staff. In fact, the picture that Business Diary liked best was of a woman by a woman—Nancy Longman's "Girl in Blue".

This shows with a rather fierce competence a sulky blonde reclining in a powder blue smock. Her expression is just what might be expected as a broker husband says: "Look, dear, the way things are, that charge account has got to go. . .".

The exhibition continues until 4 pm tomorrow.

"Work it out—I'm voting for the social contract, my wife for a statutory wages policy and my son for 9½ per cent mortgages."

The current issue of POEU, the journal of the Post Office Engineering Union, carries an article describing the endorsement of the social contract at last month's TUC Congress. The article is entitled The Contract is Forged.

Pit foray

Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, was on dangerous ground during his visit to Yorkshire yesterday. Not, of course, that his lunchtime audience—members of the Institute of Directors—could fail to sympathize with him in his troubles in selling to his labour force, the miners, a productivity-linked incentive scheme.

However, it was the miners of Yorkshire who were chiefly responsible for blowing a very large raspberry at the NCB's carefully-concocted pit productivity scheme.

Sir Derek confined his foray into hostile territory to a low-key flying visit to Sheffield and to a pit near Wakefield, both comfortably distant from Barnsley, where Arthur Scargill holds court over the Yorkshire area of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Scargill, the Yorkshire NUM president, was the prime mover behind the NUM executive's rejection of the productivity incentive scheme, which the coal board claims could have been worth up to £12.50 a week for some miners.

Scargill has since looked a lot happier, having now made a total recovery from his defeat at the NUM annual conference in July, when his motion seeking to put firm figures on this year's annual pay claim was defeated in favour of a vaguer and more moderate resolution.

When the productivity scheme first came up before the NUM executive, Scargill could only find two supporters for outright rejection. But by last Thursday, when the issue was finally decided, the Scargill-led left wing phalanx had scored a resounding victory. The disarrayed moderates could only scrape together four votes in support of the plan.

Scargill's cause was however helped by the absence at last week's executive of Scargill's opposite number, Len Clarke, the chief tactician of the Nottinghamshire area moderates. He was on holiday in Spain at the time.

INTERIM STATEMENT

Legal & General
Interim Report–1974

The Society reports the following premium income figures for the first half of 1974 and has declared an interim dividend for 1974 as shown below.

	First 6 months 1974 £m	First 6 months 1973 £m	Whole of 1973 £m
Long-term business New Premiums*			
Pensions	21.8	13.0	28.0
Ordinary Life	5.5	5.9	11.4
Short-term business Written Premiums*			
UK	15.1	13.2	24.2
Overseas	11.8	8.0	17.6

*excludes the Victory Insurance Co. Ltd.

INTERIM DIVIDEND—An interim dividend of 1.6p per share (1973 : 1.5p) has been declared, payable on 2 January 1975. With the associated tax credit of 0.788p per share this is equivalent to 2.388p (1973 : 2.143p)

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stronger margins at Pork Farms after bumper opening half

By Tony May

Having passed the £1m mark for the first time last year, Pork Farms has made a fine start to 1974-75: pre-tax earnings jumped from £461,000 to £625,000 for the half to August 31. Turnover for the period rose from £6.99m to £8.91m, indicating an increase in margins from 6.39 to 7.01 per cent.

On net profits of £300,000, compared with £221,000, the interim dividend is being raised from 3.75p to 4.95p. Earnings a share went up to 9p, against 7.1p.

Mr David Samworth, chairman, told shareholders in June that the group's expansion plans would continue for the current year on several fronts. First the board aimed to increase its snare of the pie, sausage, and cooked-meat market under its own house brands.

The second aim was to extend the activities of the Porkdown subsidiary. Mr Samworth said that this company was in its infancy, but sales and profits were already well up to budget. Thirdly, growth this year would come from the vastly increased volume of products due to be made by the group for sale by leading retailers under their own label.

Speaking of the finance for this expansion, Mr Samworth said that while the acquisition and investment programme had meant a big rise in borrowings in 1973-74, cash flow was in line with forecasts. This, together with bank facilities available, was adequate for the board's plans.

Market relieved at tax burden on Bougainville

Bougainville Copper shares spurted 6p to 94p following the announcement of the details of the new taxation agreement with Papua New Guinea. Simpler than at first seemed likely, the tax burden compares favourably with those thrust upon the mining companies in Canada, particularly in British Columbia.

Designed to give the mining company a return of 15 per cent after tax on capital employed of $A390m, two tax rates are employed. On pretax profits up to $87.2m (£49m) a standard tax rate of 33⅓ per cent will be paid, and above this level, an excess profits tax of 70 per cent will be levied.

As part of the deal, Bougainville will pay only half the excess profits tax on first-half profits which amounted to $112m, *excluding exchange gains.* Mr Michael Somare, PNG's chief minister, said yesterday that he expected the company to pay a total of $55m this year in taxes on the assumption that second-half profits would amount to $55m.

Bougainville will no longer be exempt from PNG normal taxation and excise duties, and will, as will the government, contribute 50c a *tonne on copper* production to an environmental rehabilitation fund.

Slowdown in final leg but S Lyles at peak £1.27m

The initial costs of its new Calder Bank mills and steps taken to limit some margins prevented S. Lyles, carpet yarn spinners and dyers, reaching its objective of a final leg matching the first in its second year as a public company.

In the opening phase of the *last financial period to June 30,* profits soared 71 per cent to £701,000 but over the final six months they were 10 per cent off, at £576,000, to give overall growth of 21 per cent to a record £1.27m pre-tax. Turnover was up from £5.2m to £8m, also a peak figure.

Mr John Lyles, chairman, says that in the second half the group almost maintained the value of its United Kingdom *turnover, in spite of a slowdown* in trade, and at the same time considerably increased exports which, overall, were doubled in volume and much more than doubled in value.

Rustenburg holds back dividend

At the interim stage, Rustenburg Platinum said that, provided demand remains firm, net revenue will show an increase of 35 per cent and, if so, dividends would exceed those of the previous year by at least this amount. *In the event,* profits have proved even better, rising 50 per cent at the net level to R56.2m, but the dividend increase has been held back to only 17 per cent. A final of *R13.54 is being paid, raising the* total from R18.64 to R21.84 a share.

Adverse market trends may hit Orion

With premiums written for the first six months rising from £7.6m to £7.7m, and underwriting profits going up from £560,000 to £580,000, taxable profits at Orion Insurance rose from £1.3m to £1.8m. Underwriting profits include half the estimated surplus of the marine and aviation underwriting accounts due for assessment at December 31. Investment income accounted for £1.4m (against £904,000) of profits. The dividend goes up from 2.5p to 2.6p.

The board expects a reasonable *surplus after assessment* of the 1972 marine and aviation accounts at December 31, and the 1973 figures are developing a similar pattern. However, the 1974 accounts may be influenced by present adverse market trends.

The fire and accident, and the non-marine (London and special reinsurance) revenue accounts will produce a loss for the full year, but it should be less *than* that *incurred in* 1973.

Jackson & Steeple

Falling back from the half-way point, when profits were doubled, the pre-tax of Jackson & Steeple, cotton weavers, added 47 per cent to £543,000 for the year. Turnover rose from £3.2m to £4.5m and earnings from 19.2p to 21.5p a share. *The total dividend is 3.15p* against 3p.

Smaller loss by Newall Tool

Peterborough-based Newall Machine Tool, which made a pre-tax loss of £730,000 in 1972-73, has reduced this to £280,000 in the year to March 31 last. Sales were down slightly from *£4.2m to £3.9m and again there* is to be no ordinary dividend. The board say that most sections of the group have full order books and they hope that the full results for the current year will disclose an overall improvement though prevailing United Kingdom and world economic problems make any forward predictions most difficult.

Final reduced by Highlight

"Disappointing" results from Highlight Sports, makers of leisure wear, are nonetheless a record for the year to May 19, helped by a recovery in the newly-acquired Joncraig (bought in 1972).

Taxable profits of the group were £590,000, against £555,000 for the preceding 59 weeks, on *turnover up from £10.4m to* £14.6m. But the final dividend is cut from 3p to 1.19p reducing the total from 4.12p to 2.38p. The attributable profit balance emerges at £309,000 (£270,000), or 6.05p (4.92p) a share.

Maynards top £1m

All the signs at half-time were that Maynards, the confectionery group, would attain peak profits of over £1m for the year to June 30. In the event profits were returned at £1,009,000 showing an increase of 13 per cent on the £893,000 for 1972-73. Exceptional items of £69,000 against £100,000 are added and after tax of £541,000 against £442,000 the "net" works out to £537,000 against £551,000. The total dividend is brought up to 22p from 21p with a final payment of 15.74p against 15p.

Macallan's fresh peak

Full-year profits similar to last year's record £458,000 were forecast at halftime by Macallan-Glenlivet, the malt whisky distillers. In the event for the year to July 31, pre-tax profits are at a peak £481,000 from turnover up from £1.2m to £1.6m. The total dividend is being raised from 4.98p to 5.23p. *The board say 1974-75* is expected to be one of high production, but any financial progress stemming from this will be restricted by the reduction of percentage profit margins.

Kamunting payout

The Treasury has given consent for Kamunting Tin Dredging to increase its dividend for last term from 6.78p to 8.84p. At pre-tax level profits soared 40 per cent to £711,000. Not included in this is an exchange adjustment from currency realignments amounting to £45,000 (£46,000) which has *been transferred to reserves.*

Dale Electric

Following up last year's record profit of £788,000 Dale Electric International has increased its interim profits from £375,000 to £505,000 before tax. This was achieved on turnover up from £2.42m to £2.92m. The dividend goes ahead from 2p to 2.4p, and earnings a share from 4.14p *to 5p.*

T. & N. in France

For about £650,000, Turner & Newall is buying 82 per cent of Ets Dagard et Fils, which *makes pre-fabricated* doors and panels for cold store insulation. The deal gives Turner & Newall a base in Europe and additional expertise in the insulation field.

Lloyds Industries

A disappointing 40 per cent drop to £233,000 is reported in mid-term pre-tax profits of Lloyds Industries International, which specializes in car-care products. Yet sales are well maintained at £3.7m.

The interim dividend is to be 2.08p (1.99p). Mr T. Heywood, chairman, is hopeful that the second half will show an *improvement on last year.*

Bruntons jump in first half

Steel wire makers Bruntons (Musselburgh) made a strong opening in the first half to June 30, with both sales and profits making substantial gains. Taxable profits leapt by 45 per cent from £598,000 to £867,000—including stock appreciation of £105,000 against £38,000—on sales showing a 38 per cent rise from £2.8m to £3.9m. The interim dividend is raised from equal to 2.5p to the maximum permitted of 3.5p.

Overall tonnage produced *in* the third quarter shows the improvement over 1973 continues and with the raw material position easier and order loads at record levels, production will also be high in the final quarter.

Smith on tight rein

The joint chairmen of Smith Bros, one of the leading London stockjobing firms, say that while *the low level of business in* the current year has reduced interest charges, total expenses have not been reduced proportionately. But sufficient jobbing profits have been earned in the first quarter to cover all expenses in that period.

They stress that the company has suffered a reduction in turnover particularly as a result of the Budget measure to extend the 25 per cent surrender rule to overseas Sterling Area securities.

Chaddesley Inv

After a provision of £405,000 for the fall in the value of quoted securities and for loans and advances Chaddesley Investments made a group loss of £427,000 (against a profit of £168,000 pre-tax) in its last term to March 31.

During the year the group made loans of £166,000 to Kemley Investment Trust and in addition an advance of £50,000 to another company was guaranteed by Kemley. A *provision of £176,000* has been made against these sums.

Wilkinson to accept new Weyroc offer

Because of a change of policy to concentrate its board-material activities in Europe Swedish Match is making a firm offer of about £3m cash fo 75 per cent of the equity o United Kingdom business onl of Weyroc, the board-makin offshoot of Wilkinson Match which is accepting.

The Swedish group is not no interested in Airscrew-Weyro Canada, and Wilkinson is tal ing with potential purchasers o partners in North America fo that business. There are option on both sides for the sale of th other 25 per cent of Weyroc.

The previous offer valued 7 per cent of UK and Canadia Weyroc at £4.3m. In addition t the £3m cash, Swedish Matc undertake that Weyroc wi repay its existing loan of £3.55 from Wilkinson by five equa annual payments.

G Kent complain at delay over bid decision

With General Electric Co's £5.8m cash bid for George Kent the instrument maker, due to close today at 3 pm, the Kent camp was complaining last nigh *that the Government had stil* not committed its 24 per cen stake.

The alternative for Kent, an the proposal which has the su port of the group's workforc is a scheme put up by the Swi electrical company, Brow Boveri, to inject £6.5m into new company Brown Bove Kent. Existing Kent share holders, including the Govern ment, would hold 51 per cen and Brown Boveri *the remain* der of the shares in BBK.

While the GEC camp was un willing to comment last nigh on whether its bid will be ex tended beyond today's deadlin it is assumed that this will b the case.

Kent's point yesterday wa that the Government's delay i giving a decision, which, lik any shareholder, it is entitle to do, was *adding to the un* certainty of Kent shareholder

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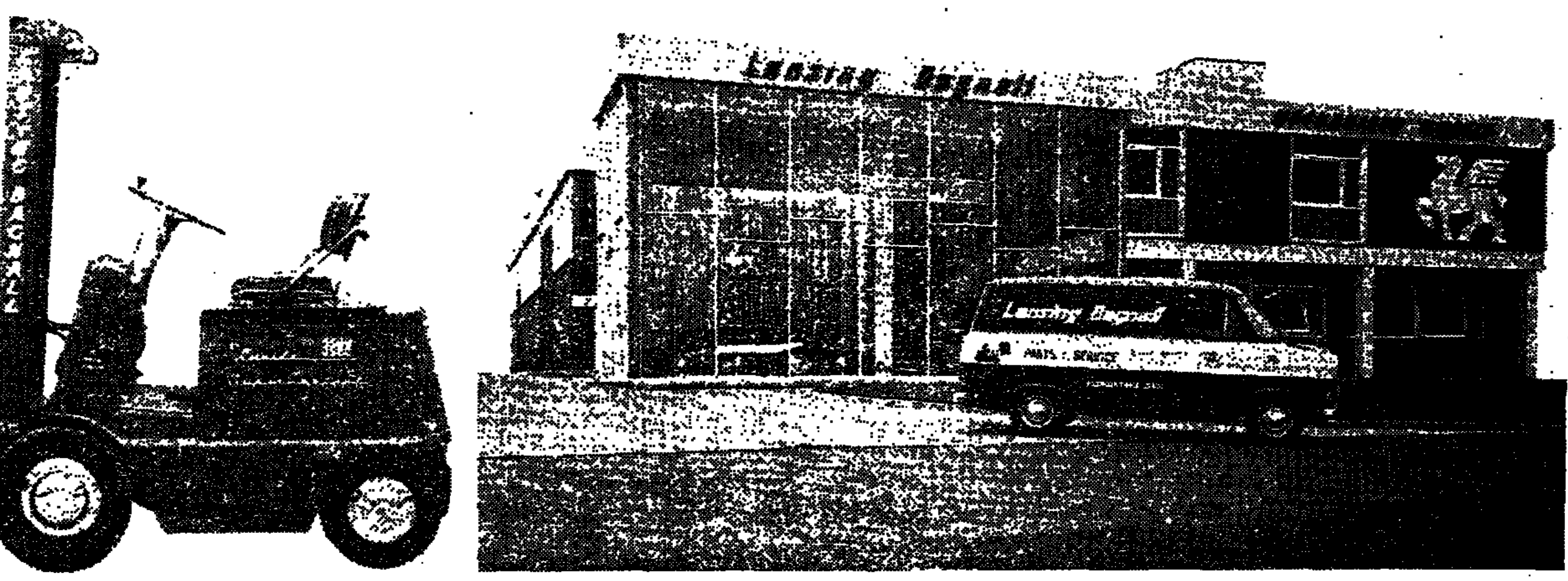

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THE QUEEN'S AWARD TO INDUSTRY

Wall Street

New York, Oct 9.—Wall Street today gave a cool reception to President Ford's anti-inflation speech, according to dealers. Share prices declined moderately through the first hour but, by mid-session, part of the loss had evaporated.

There appeared to be disappoint ment that Mr Ford's proposal did not go far enough, said on analyst, but selling was scattere The Dow Jones Industrial Average which had been down more tha seven points at one time, showe a net loss of about three poin at mid-day.

Yesterday, the industrial averag declined 4.93 to 602.63. Volum totalled 15,460,000 compared wit 15,000,000 on Monday.

	Oct 8	Oct 7
Allied Chem.	25¼	24¾
Allied Stores	17¼	17½
Allied Supermkt.	2½	2¾
Allis Chalmers	9	9
Alcoa	33⅞	32¾
Amax Inc	37½	38¼
Amerada Hess	18⅝	18⅜
Am. Airlines	6⅝	7
Am. Brands	30⅞	30½
Am. Broadcast	16¼	16⅝
Am. Can.	24⅞	24
Am. Cyan.	18¾	18⅝
Am. El. Power	16⅞	16¼
Am. Home	28⅝	28⅝
Am. Motors	4⅞	5
Am. Nat. Gas	28⅞	28¼
Am. Smelt.	16⅝	17⅝
Am. Standard	9	9⅜
Am. Tel.	42½	41⅞
Amf. Inc.	11¼	11½
Anaconda	15⅞	15⅞
Armco Steel	19⅝	19⅝
Ashland Oil	16⅝	16⅝
Atl. Richfield	78	79
Avco	3⅞	3⅞
Avon Prod.	22⅝	22⅝
Babcock & Wcox.	12½	12⅞
Bankers Tst NY	33	32⅞
Bank of Am.	28¼k	27¼b
Bank of N.Y.	24⅞	25
Beat Fds.	13⅝	13
Bect. Dick	23⅞	23⅞
Bell & Howell	12⅝	12⅞
Bendix	23⅝	22¾
Beth. Steel	25¾	25¾
Boeing	16¼	16⅝
Boise Cascade	11⅞	11½
Borden	17½	17¼
Borg Warner	15½	15¾
Bristol Myers	32¾	32⅝
BP	6¼	6⅜
Budd	6⅝	6⅜
Burl. Ind.	16⅝	16½
Burlington Nthn	30¾	30⅝
Burroughs	68⅞	67
Campbell Soup	23¾	23 e
Canadian Pac.	13	12⅞
Caterpillar	43½	43
Celanese	28⅞	28⅞
Central Soya	12⅞	11¾
Charter N.Y.	19	19
Chase Manhat.	28¼	27
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	31	30
Chesapeake Ohio	46⅞	46
Chrysler	11⅞	12⅝
Citicorp	21⅝	22
Cities Serv.	36¼	35⅞
Clark Equip	22	21⅞
Coca Cola	49⅞	49
Colgate	18	18¼
C.B.S.	28⅞	28⅞
Columbia Gas	18⅞	18¼
Comb Eng	25⅝	25⅝
Comw. Edison	21⅝	21¼
Con. Edison	6⅞	6⅞
Cons Foods	11⅛	11⅝
Cons Power	12⅛	13⅝
Cont. Can.	22½	22
Cont. Oil	34⅞	34
Control Data	13⅞	13¼
Corning Glass	34	34⅝
C.P.C. Intnl.	28¼	25⅞
Crane	28¼	26⅞
Crocker Int	15	14¼
Crown Zeller	22⅝	21⅞
Dart Ind.	12	12
Deere	32⅞	32¼
Del Monte	17¼	17⅝
Delta Air	33⅝	32⅝
Detroit Edison	9¼	9⅛
Distil. Seagram	30⅝	29¼
Disney	20½	21½
Dow Chem.	53¾	54¾
Dresser Ind.	37¼	37⅝
Duke Power	10⅝	10⅝
Du Pont	97⅞	98
Eastern Air	5¼	5
East. Kodak	63½	63¾
Eaton Corp.	23⅝	23¾
El Paso G.	10½	10¼
Equitable Life	13¼	14
Esmark	28⅝	24
Evans P. D.	3⅝	3¼
Exxon Corp	60½	59⅝
Firestone	14¼	14⅞
Fst. Chicago	18⅝	18
Fst. Nt. Boston	23⅝	28½
Fst. Penn Corp	13¼	13⅝
Ford	33¼	35⅝
G.A.F. Corp.	7⅞	7⅞
Gamble Skogmo	19⅞	19⅝
Gen. Dynam.	16⅞	16⅝
Gen. Electric	33¼	34⅞
Gen Foods	17⅝	17¼
Gen. Instr.	6⅝	6⅜
Gen. Mills	29⅝	30⅝
Gen. Motors	38⅞	38⅝
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	11¼	11¼
Gen. Tel. El.	20⅞	20⅝
Gen Tire	12	12⅛
Genesco	4	4
Georgia Pac	25⅝	24½
Getty Oil	110⅝	113¼
Gillette	23⅝	24
Goodrich	16½	17¼
Goodyear	14	14½
Gould Inc.	16	15⅝
Grace	20	19⅝
Grant W.T.	3⅛	3
Gt. Atl. & Pac.	8⅝	8½
Greyhound	11⅞	11⅛
Grumman Cp.	11¼	12
Gulf Oil	17⅞	16⅞
Gulf Wn. Ind.	18½	18⅝
Heinz. H. J.	30¼	29⅝
Hercules	30½	30½
Honeywell	26⅝	25⅝
Illinois Cent Ind	11½	12⅛
Ingersoll	56	54
Inland Steel	30	30
I.B.M.	162	164½
Int. Harv.	23½	20⅞
Int. Nickel	20¼	22½
Int. Paper	37⅞	37⅝
Int. Tel. Tel.	15⅛	15⅛
Jewel Co	19¼	18⅝
Jim Walter	15⅞	16¼
Johns Manv.	15⅝	15½
Johnson & John.	75½	79¼
Kaiser Alum.	14⅝	14⅝
Kennecott	31⅞	32½
Kerr McGee	54⅝	54⅝
Kimb. Clk.	19½	20⅝
Kraftco Cp.	27⅝	28⅛
Kresge S.S.	20¼	20½
Kroger	16½	16⅞
Ligg. Myer	25⅞	25⅝
L.T.V.	9¼	8⅝
Litton	4⅞	4⅝
Lockheed	3⅞	3½
Lucky Stores	8½	8½
Magnavox	9¼	9¼
Manuf Hanover	25¾	25
Mapco	16¼	16
Marathon Oil	29¼	30½
Marcor Inc.	15½	16
Marine Mid.	17⅝	17¼
Martin Mar.	14¼	14¼
McDonnell	10½	10⅝
Mead	15	14⅞
Merck	52⅞	53¼
Minn. Mm.	48½	49
Mobil Oil	35	34⅝
Monsanto	47⅞	47½
Moore McC.	24¼	23¼
Morgan. J. P.	49¼	43
Motorola	37⅞	37¼
NCR Corp	19⅞	20¼
NL Ind	12⅝	12⅝
Nat. Bisc.	24½	24⅝
Nat. Distill.	13	13
Nat. Steel	32¼	33
Norfolk West	55⅞	53½
NW Bancor	38⅞	38⅞
Norton Simon	9¼	8⅝
Occ. Pet.	8½	8⅝
Ogden	13⅝	13⅞
Olin Corp.	15½	15⅝
Otis Elev.	25½	24⅝
Owens Ill.	30½	29⅝
Pac. Gas. El.	17¼	17⅝
Pan. Am.	2⅞	2½
Penn. Cent.	1½	1⅝
Penney J C	37½	38¼
Pennzoil	14⅝	14½
Pepsico	31¼	31⅝
Pet Corp	18½	18⅝
Pfizer	22⅞	22⅝
Phelps Dod.	30¼	29⅝
Philip Mor.	38¼	37⅜
Phil. Pet.	35⅛	35¼
Polaroid	16	16⅞
P.P.G. Ind.	22	22½
Proc. Gamble	69⅞	70⅝
Pub.Ser.El & Gas	13	13⅝
Pullman	40	37½
Rapid American	7½e	7⅝
Raytheon	21⅝	21½e
RCA Corp	11¼	11⅝
Repub. Steel	21½	21⅝
Reynolds Ind.	38½	38¼
Reynolds Metal	16¼	15⅝
Rockwell Int.	22⅝	22¾
Royal Dutch	23¾	24
Safeways	31⅞	32⅞
St. Regis	21⅝	21
Santa Fe Ind	24	[illegible]
SCM	9⅞	[illegible]
Schering. Plough	43¼	44
Schlumber	79½	[illegible]
Scott. Paper	10⅝	[illegible]
Seaboard Coast.	26⅝	[illegible]
Sears Roe.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell Oil	34⅞	[illegible]
Shell Trans.	17⅝	[illegible]
Signal Co	10¼	[illegible]
Singer	14⅝	15
Sony	5⅜	[illegible]
Sth Cal Edison	18½	[illegible]
Southern Pac.	25¾	[illegible]
Southern Rly.	25½	[illegible]
Sperry Rand	24⅞	[illegible]
Squibb	25¼	[illegible]
Std. Brands	41⅛	[illegible]
Std. Oil Cal.	23	23
Std. Oil Ind.	77	[illegible]
Std. Oil Ohio	45¼	[illegible]
Sterling Drug	17½	[illegible]
Stevens J.P.	12⅛	[illegible]
Stude Worth	20⅝	[illegible]
Sunbeam Cp.	10⅝	[illegible]
Sundstrand	12¼	[illegible]
Sun Oil	37⅞	[illegible]
Teledyne	9¼	[illegible]
Tenneco	17¼	[illegible]
Texaco	22¼	[illegible]
Texas East Trans	21⅝	[illegible]
Texas Inst.	60¼	63
Texas Utilities	18¼	[illegible]
Textron	13⅛	[illegible]
T.W.A.	5⅛	[illegible]
Travelers Gp.	17⅞	17
T.R.W. Inc.	11	[illegible]
U.A.L. Inc.	15¼	16
Unilever Ltd.	19¼	[illegible]
Unilever N.V.	27	[illegible]
Unionamerica	3⅛	[illegible]
Union Bancorp	9	[illegible]
Union Carb.	35⅝	37
Un. Oil Cal.	31⅛	[illegible]
Un. Pacific Corp.	54⅞	[illegible]
Uniroyal	6⅜	[illegible]
United Aircraft	26⅛	[illegible]
United Brands	3¼	[illegible]
Utd Merch & Man	14¼	[illegible]
U.S. Industries	4¼	[illegible]
U.S. Steel	38½	[illegible]
Wachovia	12⅞	[illegible]
Warner Comm	7⅛e	[illegible]
Warner Lambert	19¼	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	11½	12
West'n Bancorp	14⅛	14
Westghs El.	10	10
Weyerhaeuser	27⅛	[illegible]
Whirlpool	11⅞	[illegible]
White Motor	10⅝	[illegible]
Woolworth	10⅝	[illegible]
Xerox Cp.	64¼	[illegible]
Zenith	15⅝	[illegible]

Canadian Prices

	Oct 8	Oct 7
Abitibi	9¼	[illegible]
Alcan	21⅝	[illegible]
Alg. Steel	23⅞	[illegible]
Asbestos	13¼	[illegible]
Bell Tel.	41¼	[illegible]
Can. Sup. Oil	28	[illegible]
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.10	[illegible]
Cominco	34	[illegible]
Cons. Bat.	23⅝	[illegible]
Distiller	28½	[illegible]
Fairview Corp	9¼	[illegible]
Falconbridge	31¼	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	22	[illegible]
Hawker Can.	4 45	[illegible]
Hud. Bay Min	16½	[illegible]
Hud. Bay Oil	23¼	[illegible]
I.A.C. Ltd.	15⅞	[illegible]
Imasco	21¼	[illegible]
Imp. Oil	25⅛	[illegible]
Int. Pipe	12⅞	[illegible]
Mass.-Fergsn.	13⅝	[illegible]
Power Cp.	8¼	[illegible]
Price Bros.	12	[illegible]
Royal Trust	19½	[illegible]
Steel Co.	24⅞	[illegible]
Tex. Can.	32½	[illegible]
Trans. Mnt. Oil	11⅝	[illegible]
Walker H.	39½	[illegible]
W.C.T.	15⅝	[illegible]

e Ex Div. a Asked. c Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3350 ($2.3365); three months, $2.3180 ($2.3183); *Canadian dollar,* 101.95c (101.75c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity price index fell 3.81 *to* 384.92. The futures index was off 0.08 at 373.35.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 602.63 (607.56); transportation, 156.06 (153.90); utilities, 6 (63.92); 65 stocks, 191.51 (191.86

New York Stock Exchange ind 54.16 (54.19); industrials, (57.12); transportation, (25.32); utilities, 25.66 (24.70 financial, 36.13 (36.10).

NY silver slumps by 20 cents

New York, Oct 8.—COMEX SILVER nosedived the full 20.00c lower limit in the last half hour of trading as mid-west *grains* broke their respective limits on statements *from* Washington concerning the availability of American grain to the oil producing nations. At the final bell, prices were off 11.00c to 20.00c with an estimated 180 unfilled orders to sell. Sales totalled 5,474 lots. Oct. 462.00c; Nov. 467.20c; Dec. 473.00c; Jan. 476.50c; March. 484.30c; May. 491.90c; July. 498.50c; Sept. 505.10c; Dec. 514.60c; Jan. 517.80c. Handy and Harman $474 (previous $473); Handy and Harman of Canada. Can$4.65 (Can$4.68).

COPPER.—Tone steady; 1,370 sales. Oct. 63.20c; Nov. 63.70c; Dec. 64.50c; Jan. 65.10c; March. 66.40c; May. *67.50c; July. 68.50c; Sept. 69.50c.*

SUGAR.—World futures soared to new season's highs with gains of as much as the 1.00c limit. Spot 37.08c up 0.50c; Jan. 37.63c; March. 36.47c; May. 34.43c; July. 31.88c; Sept. 29.60c; Oct. 28.25c; March. 24.70c.

COCOA.—Futures ended 0.50c to 0.95c higher on the poor turnover of 790 lots that included 154 switches. Oct. 88.00c nominal; *Dec. 83.00c; March.* 74.98c; May. 68.45c; July. 64.95c nominal; Sept. 62.95c; Dec. 60.15c; March. 58.35c nominal. Spots: Ghana 113 nominal. Bahia. 99.

COFFEE.—Futures closed strong up 1.50c to 2.00c. Nov. 58.15-58.40c; Dec. 58.50c; March. 58.00c; May. 58.25c; July. 58.60c; Sept. 59.50c.

COTTON.—Futures closed with los of 0.85c to 1.00c. Spot October expi about 0.95c higher. Oct. 48.00-48.3 Dec. 48.55-48.61c; March. 50. 50.20c; May. 51.25c; July. 52. 53.30c; Oct. 54.10c; Dec. 54.8 March. 55.30-55.40c.

WOOL.—Grease wool futures clo unchanged to 2.5c lower. Crossb were tradeless. GREASE WOOL Spot 130.0c nominal; Oct. 125 130.0c; Dec. 133.0-134.5c; Mar 132.0-133.5c; May. 130.0-132.5c; Ju 129.0c; Oct. 132.0c; Dec. 132.

CROSSBRED.—Spot. 70.0c nomin Oct. 66.0c; Dec. 66.0-74.5c; Mar 66.0-73.5c; May. 64.0-71.5c; Ju 63.0-70.5c; Oct. 62.5-70.0c; Dec. 63 70.0c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. — Soyab futures ended limit down. SOY BEANS.—Nov. 909c; Jan. 920c; Mar 928½c; May. 930½c; July. 932½c; A 921c; Sept. 870c; Nov. 804c; Jan. 8

SOYABEAN MEAL.—Oct. $172. Dec. $179.00; Jan. $184.00; Mar $186.50-187.00; May. $191.00; Ju $190.50; Aug. $193.00; Sept. $187.

SOYABEAN OIL.—Oct. 44.35c; D 44.95c; Jan. 44.45c; March. 43.7 May. 43.10c; July. 42.40c; A 41.70c; Sept. 41.35c.

CHICAGO GRAINS. Wheat closed fir maize and oats finished w WHEAT.—Dec. 503-505c; March. 5 518c; May. 512-513c; July. 48 Sept. 488c. MAIZE.—Dec. 373 March. 382¼c; May. 386¼c; Ju 386¼c; Sept. 362c; Dec. 322c. OA —Dec. 186¾c; March. 190¾c; M 191¼c.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Food shares weaken

The stock market suffered a severe reversal of the trend of the previous day, when publication of opinion-poll predictions of an increasing swing towards Labour brought a sharp fall in share prices.

The opinion poll forecasts were published in two major daily newspapers, and equities were sharply lower within the first hour of trading. There were no buyers willing to go against the trend, and so the slide in prices continued throughout the session. By the close, the *FT* index had left the 200 mark well behind again, to close 9.3 off at 191.9, and *The Times* index, at 74.49, had lost 2.45 points.

Turnover remained relatively light, although an increase in the day's recorded bargains total, at 6,832, disclosed the hectic drive to close positions ahead of Election Day.

Also upsetting equities was the prediction of a substantial rise in food prices from a director of Unilever. This, following on the heels of the previous day's report from Marks & Spencer, fuelled the City's renewed fears that inflation remains the major hazard for the United Kingdom.

There was a further rise in the investment dollar premium, which ended the day a net 3 points higher at 71½ per cent.

Among losses were ICI, 7p off at 161p, Distillers 3p off at 85p, Courtaulds 3p off at 68p and Beecham 4p down at 131p.

With Wall Street unimpressed by President Ford's anti-inflationary package, there was no support yesterday for United States-oriented stocks. Fisons fell 7p to 175p, while late falls in oil shares left BP 10p lower at 256p.

The warning from Unilever took toll of food company shares such as J. Bibby, Cavenhams and Tate & Lyle, but not Unilever. Still suffering from predictions of a reduced sugar beet crop, British Sugar fell again.

Particularly weak were the home banks and insurance issues which figured prominently in Tuesday's rally. Shares in Slater Walker lost 7p to 61p, and among the major lending banks, National Westminster were 15p lower at 120p. Smaller losses among insurances left Commercial Union at 81p.

Gold shares remained firm. Australian issues turned better on the easing of credit restrictions in Australia.

Concern at the economic outlook and disquiet at the suggestion that the public sector's borrowing requirement in the present fiscal year will be much above expectations was responsible for a further easing of gilt-edged securities. Selling was continuous and prices throughout the market closed at the lowest of the day.

Latest dividends

ll dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

ompany nd par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
runtons (25p) Int	3.5	2.5†	31/10	—	6.89†
hristies (10p) Int	1.11	‡‡	29/11	—	1.82
oltness (25p) Int	1.03	0.91	—	—	1.82
ale Electric (10p) Int	2.4	2.0	—	—	5.5
xt Inv Tst (£1) Int	1.86	1.5	15/11	3.73*	3.07
Finlan (10p) Int	Nil	2.5	—	—	7.0
ighlight Sports (10p) Fin	1.19	3.0	3/1	2.38	4.12‡
ickson & Steeple (10p) Fin	1.83	1.75	16/11	3.15	3.0
amunting Tin (15p) Fin	6.34	4.28	29/11	8.84	6.78
ode Int (25p) Int	0.87	0.87	3/1	—	1.75
egal & Gen (5p) Int	2.38	2.14	—	—	5.78
oyds Inds (10p) Int	2.08	1.99	2/11	—	4.05
Lyles (20p) Fin	5.72	7.0	2/1	9.45	9.0
in Mer Secs (25p) Fin	Nil	1.55	—	0.94	2.49
aynards (£1) Fin	15.74	15.0	—	22.0	21.0
Atlantic Secs (25p) Fin	1.63	1.41	12/12	2.67	2.28
rion Ins (50p) Int	2.61	2.5	—	—	8.6
tani Para (10p) Fin	1.84	1.75	25/11	2.34	2.25
ork Farms (10p) Int	4.95	3.75	29/11	—	9.45
tgietersrust (2½c) Fin	13.0§	13.5§	—	21.0§	18.0§
istenburg (R2) Fin	13.54††	13.91††	—	21.84††	18.64††
artrite Eng (20p) Fin	3.21	2.58	—	4.46	3.78
ansatlantic & Gen (£1) Int	1.86	1.25	—	3.73*	3.0
nion Platinum (10c) Fin	12.0§	13.08§	—	19.75§	18.64§
aterval (5c) Fin	13.2§	13.7§	—	21.4§	18.35§
illiams & James (5p) Int	0.3	0.3	7/1	—	0.5
ilmot Breeden (25p) Int	0.96	1.17	1/1	—	3.85
ombwell Foundry (10p) Fin	1.09	Nil	—	1.09	Nil

Adjusted for scrip * Forecast. ‡ 59 weeks. ‡‡ Made public November, 73. § Cents. †† Rands.

Business appointments

Mr W Kirkpatrick named Scottish industry director

Mr W. B. Kirkpatrick has been conded to the Department of dustry's Office for Scotland, as dustrial Director for Scotland. e will have the status of an nder-Secretary and will be based Glasgow to deal with the allocation of selective financial assist-ce under the Industry Act.

He takes up the post on Novem-r 4. At present he is with the dustrial and Commercial Finance rporation.

Mr D. G. Eastmond has resigned om the board of Lazard Brothers d Co to take up a temporary pointment with the Department Industry as a deputy director the industrial development unit. is expected that the secondment ll be for two years, at the end which Mr Eastmond will rejoin e board of Lazard Brothers.

Mr C. H. Bly, Mr P. M. E. D. Nair-Wilson and Mr R. E. ddy have resigned from the ard of Amari. Mr J. M. Beale, P. J. Elton, Mr A. Miller and r P. S. Robinson have been pointed to the board.

Mr D. H. S. Forsyth has joined e board of The Royal Trust Comny of Canada, the UK subsidiary The Royal Trust Company, ontreal.

Mr Derek P. F. Wheatley is to ce up an appointment with oyds Bank to succeed the legal viser, Mr F. C. L. Bell, when retires.

Dr Lawrence Pilkington retires Saturday from executive duties th Pilkington Brothers. He will y on the board as a non-executive director.

Mr W. H. Adams has joined ntinental Illinois as general nager—property finance.

Mr Anthony Abrahams is to come chairman of Masius, ynne-Williams & D'Arcy-Macnus as a result of a change in company's management struc-e. Mr Jack Wynne-Williams will ntinue as chairman of Masius, ynne-Williams & D'Arcy Macnus (Holdings) and as chairman the holding company. Mr David e and Mr Bert De Vos will bene deputy chairmen of the ndon company, Mr Peter Gwynn to succeed Mr Abrahams as naging director and Mr Michael nson will take over as assistant naging director. The changes effective from January 1, 1975.

Mr W. G. Pullen has been pointed a director of Regalian perties.

Mr H. S. Spens has joined the rd of Hugh Baird and Sons. Mr Albert Nute has become istant secretary of the Mersey cks and Harbour Company.

Mr B. McGillivray has been appointed to the executive board of the National Freight Corporation and to a new position of group coordinator, international.

Mr J. E. Donnelly becomes managing director of Plessey's Private Communications and Data Products.

Dr A. J. Hayter has been appointed managing director of the Carrier Drysys division of Haden Carrier Group.

Mr D. E. Lennard has been appointed executive director of C. T. Bowring Offshore Oil (UK).

A regrouping by British Nuclear Fuels involves the following appointments: Dr D. G. Avery to head the fuel division; Mr C. Buck, reprocessing division, and Mr J. Tatlock the enrichment division.

Mr Michael Gurner has been made joint managing director of Bell and Co (Westminster) with Mr Kevin Bell, who remains as chairman.

Mr Eric Goodwill is to be managing director of Computerskills and Mr Charles Melia becomes commercial director.

Mr Peter Dodge has been made chief executive of the ladies' division of the Ward White Group.

Mr Peter Bateman has joined the board of Rentokil as director of public relations.

Mr John Tustain becomes managing director of Autolease.

Mr Arrol Ferguson and Mr Norman Busby have been made associate directors of Supra Group.

Mr James Golothan has been made a director of Service, Post Office Telecommunications, in succession to Mr C. R. Dancey, who is retiring.

Mr David Richards has been named by Datsun UK as director of dealer planning and representation.

Mr Cliff Fox has become Midlands controller of ATV Network. Mr Malcolm Truepenny becomes assistant Midlands controller in addition to his present duties as Midland accountant.

Mr A. Kenneth Edwards is to be chief executive of The British Friesian Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland with effect from next January.

Mr K. Durham has been elected president of The Compound Animal Feeding Stuffs Manufacturers National Association. Mr N. E. L. Hill is vice-president.

Mr Donald G. R. Reid has acquired the business of the executive selection consultancy Charles Martin Associates and is its new managing director. Mr Rupert C. Ross will join the company as a partner and director this month. Mrs Deane de Chassiron and Mr Ian J. Wallace continue as members of the board.

Dr A. F. Daglish has relinquished his position as managing director of the Industrial Chemicals Division of CIBA-GEIGY (UK) to take up a new corporate appointment as director of safety and manufacturing coordination. Dr J. Grigor, formerly research and technical director of CIBA-GEIGY (UK) becomes managing director of the Industrial Chemicals Division.

Mr R. G. Paterson is now director of advanced switching, Plessey Telecommunications.

Lord McFadzean has been appointed chairman of the board of Scurry-Rainbow Oil, which now comprises Mr J. E. Bobbitt (managing director), Mr H. Allan, Mr J. P. Crone, Mr F. C. Finn and Mr R. F. Phillips.

Dr T. C. Hunt is now chairman of The Medical Sickness Annuity & Life Assurance Society, after the death of Dr A. H. Douthwaite. Sir Clifford Naunton Morgan becomes vice-chairman.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	12 %
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	●12½%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*12 %
Lloyds Bank	12 %
Midland Bank ..	12 %
Nat Westminster	12 %
Shenley Trust ..	12½%
20th Cent Bank	12 %
G. T. Whyte ..	13 %
Williams & Glyn's	12 %

* Members of Accepting Houses Committee.

● Demands deposits, £10,000 and over. 11½%

* 7-day deposits in excess of £10,000 up to £25,000 10½% over £25,000 10¾%.

Issues & Loans

$36m shipping loan for Cheng

Brandts and the Bank of America have arranged in conjunction with Chemco Financial Services and Banque de la Société Financière Européenne, a $36m loan for the Y. C. Cheng group of companies of New York.

The proceeds will finance the purchase of a 116,000-ton bulk-ore carrier to be built in Japan. From its delivery in 1977 the vessel will be long-term chartered to K Line, the third largest shipping company in Japan.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
Airlease 8¾ 1988	75	77
American Motors 9 1989	80	82
Anglo-American 7⅞ 1987	62	67
Ashland 8 1987	79	80
Austrawiss 8 1987	78¾	79¾
BICC 7¾ 1987	59	61
Bluebell 7¾ 1987	67	72
Bristol 8¼ 1979	81	85
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	75	77
Burlington 7¾ 1987	77	78
Cadbury 7¾ 1990	60	62
Carrier 8 1987	78½	79¾
Colombia 8¼ 1988	85	87
Cons Food 7⅞ 1991	76	77
Copenhagen County Auth 7¾ 1987	76	77½
Coventry 8⅞ 1981	85	87
Coventry 8¼ 1980	81	83
Curacao Tokyo 8⅞ 1988	86	87
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	79½	80½
Dana 8 1987	78½	79½
Denmark Kingdom 7⅞ 1990	75½	76½
Denmark Mtge Bank 7½ 1991	72½	73½
Dundee 9¼ 1983	85	87
Escom 9¼ 1989	83½	85½
EIB 8⅞ 1989	83	85
Eurofima 8¼ 1989	82	84
First Chicago 7 1980	90	91
First Pennsylvania 7⅞ 1984	77	80
Fisons 8¾ 1987	69	72
GATX 8¾ 1987	78¼	79¼
General Cables 8¼ 1987	72½	74½
Guardian Royal 8 1987	70½	72½
GHH 7¾ 1988	72	73½
Hambros 7¾ 1987	69	71
Hammersly 8 1987	69	71
Hilton 7⅞ 1987	53	58
ICI 7¾ 1992	62	65
International Util 8¼ 1982	86½	87½
Kleinwort 8¼ 1987	69	71
Lancashire 9¼ 1981	87	89
Legal & Gen Ass 7⅞ 1988	69	71
Manchester 8¼ 1981	81	83
Mexico 8¾ 1991	72	76
Michelin 7½ 1988	73	75
Mitsubishi 9 1989	90	92
Motorola 8 1987	81¾	82¾
Nat & Grindlays 7⅞ 1987	68	70
National Coal Bd 8⅞ 1988	75	77
Norges Komm 7½ 1990	76½	77½
N A Rockwell 7¾ 1979	93¼	94¼
N A Rockwell 8¼ 1987	78¼	79¼
Nottingham 8⅞ 1979	83	85
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	78½	79½
Pennwalt 8 1987	78½	79½
Quebec Hydro 8¼ 1989	85½	87
Quebec (Province) 7½ 1988	76¼	77¾
Queensland 8¾ 1987	78	80
Ralston 7¾ 1987	80	81
RHM 8 1988	68	70
SAS 8 1987	78¾	79¾
Scanraff 7¼ 1990	78¾	79¾
Scanraff 8⅞ 1988	86	87
Shell 7½ 1987	78¾	79¾
Singapore 7¾ 1987	70	—
Slough 8 1988	35	45
South Africa 8 1987		70
SIB 7¾ 1987	77¾	78¾
Standard Oil 8½ 1980	97	98
Standard Oil 8⅞ 1988	87	88
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	88	89
Sybron 8 1987	77¼	78¼
Tenneco 7⅞ 1979	87¾	88¾
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	74½	75½
Textron 7¾ 1987	73½	74½
Town & City 8 1988	30	40
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	82½	85½
Union Oil 7 1979	93¼	94¼
Union Oil 7½ 1987	81	82
UDT 8¾ 1988	50	55
Utah 7½ 1979	87	88
Utah 8 1987	78	79
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	89	91
Volvo 8 1987	78½	79½
Wellcome 8¼ 1987	66	68
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	71	73
$ CONVERTIBLES	**Bid**	**Offer**
AMF 5 1987	37	39
Alaska Int 6 1987	35	39
American Express 4¼ 1987	55	57
American Motors 6 1992	67	—
American Medical 5½ 1992	29	31
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	62	64
Beatrice Foods 6⅞ 1991	80	82
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1993	66	68
Borden 5 1992	68	70
Borden 6¾ 1991	82	84
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	52	54
Carnation 4 1987	53	55
Cummins 6¾ 1986	68	70
Damon 5¾ 1987	41	43
Dart 4¾ 1987	68	70
E Asia Navigation 6¾ 1989	50	52
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	52	54
Eaton 5 1987	63	65
Ford 5 1988	60	62
Ford 6 1986	70	72
Fedders 5 1992	30	32
Gillette 4¾ 1987	58	60
Gould 5 1987	55	57
General Electric 4¼ 1987	62	64
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	90	92
Harris 5 1992	48	50
Honeywell 6 1986	62	64
Hongkong Land Com 7¾ 1988	68	70
ITT 4½ 1987	52	54
ITT Sheraton 6½ 1989	58	60
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	91	93
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	82	84
Mohasco 5 1987	47	49
Nabisco 5½ 1988	69	71
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	64	66
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	64	66
Revlon 4¾ 1987	64	66
Ramada 6¾ 1986	39	41
Rank Org 4¾ 1993	34	36
Sime Darby 5¾ 1988	43	45
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	65	67
Slater Walker 5¾ 1987	43½	45½
Southland 5 1987	50	52
Squibb 4¾ 1987	59	61
United Overseas Bank 6½ 1988	49	51
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1988	62	64
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	64	66
Xerox Corp 5 1988	69	71
NON-$ BONDS	**Bid**	**Offer**
BASF (FF) 7½ 1987	63	64
Bass (FF) 7½ 1987	55	57
Bat Int Fin (FF) 7½ 1987	57	59
Brascan (DM) 8½ 1988	76½	77½
BLMC (FF) 7½ 1987	51	53
Charter (FF) 7½ 1987	51	53
Charter (DM) 6½ 1968/83	65	66
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	73¼	74¼
Denmark (DM) 9½ 1989	93¼	94¼
Denmark (FF) 7¾ 1988	63	65
EIB (FF) 7¾ 1988	61½	63½
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	61½	63½
Estel (DM) 7½ 1988	79	80
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	76	77
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	77	78
Lafarge (FF) 7½ 1987	62	64
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	76¾	77¾
Occidental (DM) 6½ 1969/76	92¾	93¾
Suedafrica (DM) 8½ 1970/85	77½	78½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1988	77¼	78¼
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8 1993	70½	71½
Voest-Alpine (DM) 8½ 1989	88¾	89¾

DM=Deutschmark issue. FF=French Franc issue.

SOURCE: KIDDER, PEABODY SECURITIES, LONDON.

Elec Machine's dealings with ex-chairman

Yesterday's annual meeting of Electronic Machine was told that Mr Max Welling, former chairman, who also holds 14 per cent of the company, had paid the group more than £34,000. The money is being held in a separate account until investigations into the company's affairs are completed.

The annual report last August showed that the auditors had qualified the accounts over several matters. Mr P. Tooke, the new chairman, said yesterday that accountants, Deloittes, are helping the company's auditors with their investigation into the company and affairs between it and Mr Welling. In July, Mr Welling resigned after a disagreement with the board over amounts due to him.

Mr Tooke stated that while some money was no doubt owed to Mr Welling, on balance Mr Welling probably owed the company money.

Meanwhile, the first four months have produced sales of £531,000 and improved profits of £60,000.

WOMBWELL FOUNDRY

Turnover for 1973-74, £1.5m (£821,000). Pre-tax profit £175,000 (loss £74,000). Dividend 1.09p (nil). Earnings a share, 2.59p (nil). Trading continues good.

Commodities

London daily sugar price reaches £385

The London daily SUGAR price was raised by £5 to £385 a long ton yesterday, a record for the second day running and a rise in the price of £20 in two days.

The terminal opened at limit-up in all positions on a continuation of Monday's strong sentiment. Prices held at the highs and finished £2 to £0.50 above Monday's 1700 hours levels. The pools attracted virtually no selling interest and at the end of the session 582 lots were bid over.

Dealers anticipated high prices at yesterday's selling tender in the Dominican Republic for 20,000 tonnes of May shipment raws and at a buying tender in Lebanon for two cargoes of 1974 shipment whites and one cargo of raws.

Around mid-afternoon, the comparatively cheaper levels established after the earlier wave of profit-taking attracted renewed buying and jobber-covering. This pushed prices up to the day's highs to close with on-balance gains of £9.85 to £4. Sales totalled 4,984 lots.

Dec, £393.50-4.50: March, £377.00-7.30: May, £356.95-6.00: Aug, £322.25-2.50: Oct, £289.25-9.60: Dec, £260.00-1.00: March, £242.50-4.00. ISA prices, 37.06c a lb; 17-day average, 35.24c.

COPPER.—Cash wire bars were £8.50 lower yesterday and three months down by the same amount. Cash cathodes were £6.50 down and three months by £8.50.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £612-13.00 a metric ton: three months, £631-32.00. Sales, 1,925 tons. Cash cathodes, £593-5.00: three months, £612-13.00. Sales, nil. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £607-9.00: three months, £626-28.00. Settlement, £609.00. Sales, 8,825 tons. Cash cathodes, £587-88.00: three months, £606-7.00. Settlement, £588.00. Sales, 550 tons.

SILVER was steadier at the close.

Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 197.80p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 462.9): three months, 302.3p (465.6c): six months, 207p (476.1c): one-year, 219.70p (495.9c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 204.5-6.0p: three months, 208.5-9.0p: seven months, 216.5-18.0p. Sales, 99 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 198-98.5p: three months, 202-2.5p: seven months, 210-11.5p. Settlement, 198.5p. Sales, 53 lots.

TIN.—Standard (cash metal) fell by £125 and three months by £80. High-grade (three months) was £85 lower.

Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,120-30 a metric ton: three months, £3,060-70. Sales, 315 tons. High grade, three months, £3,090-3,100. Sales, five tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,190-3,200: three months, £3,090-3,100. Settlement, £3,200. Sales, 330 tons. High grade, three months, £3,110-20. Sales, five tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,005 a picul.

LEAD was quiet yesterday.

Afternoon.—Cash, £229-29.50 a metric ton: three months, £222.50-23.50. Sales, 600 tons. Morning.—Cash, £229.50-30: three months, £223-23.50. Settlement, £230. Sales, 675 tons.

ZINC fell by £15.75 for cash and £17 for three months.

Afternoon.—Cash, £332-3.00 a metric ton: three months, £352-3.00. Sales, 2,750 tons. Morning.—Cash, £347-50, three months, £351-52. Settlement, £350. Sales, 4,525 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM rose by £1 yesterday to £77.75-79.75 ($182-187) a troy ounce.

RUBBER quiet.—Nov, 27.80-28.30p per kilo: Dec, 28.00-28.75p: Jan-Mch, 29.15-29.30p: Apl-June, 30.15-30.20p: July-Sept, 30.55-30.65p: Oct-Dec, 31.20-31.25p: Jan-March, 31.50-31.60p: Apl-June, 31.70-31.80p: July-Sept, 31.95-32.10p. Sales, 71 lots (all 15 tonne lots).

RUBBER PHYSICALS.—Quiet.—Spot 27.00-28.25p. Cif's: Nov, 28.00-28.25p: Dec, 28.00-28.50p.

WOOL.—Greasy futures steady.—Dec, 155.0-59.0p per kilo: March, 160.5-62.0p: May, 162.5-63.5p: July, 163.5-64.5p: Oct, 164.5-65.0p: Dec, 166.0-66.5p: March, 165.0-67.0p. Sales, 29 lots.

MEAT (Smithfield).—Beef: Scotch killed sides (ex KKCF), 25.0-28.5p a lb: English hindquarters heavy (ex KKCF), 34.0-35.5p: English forequarters heavy, 17.5-19.0p. Eire hindquarters (ex KKCF), 34.0-36.0p: Eire forequarters, 17.0-19.0p. Veal: English fats, 31.0-36.0p: Scotch bobbies, 6.0-8.0p. Lamb: English small, 26.0-30.0p: English medium, 24.0-26.0p: English heavy, 20.0-24.0p: Scotch medium, 24.0-26.0p: Scotch heavy, 20.0-24.0p: Scotch hill, 22.0-30.0p. Imported frozen: NZD's 27.0-28.0p: NZ2's, 26.0-26.5p: NZR's, 25.5-24.0p: NZYLs, 26.5-27.0p: NZ4's, 21.0-21.5p. Ewes: 10.0-11.0p. Pork: English, under 100lb, 25.0-29.5p: 100-120lb, 25.0-29.0: 120-160lb, 26.0-28.5p: 160-180lb, 24.0-27.5p: 180lb and over, 20.0-23.0p.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures moved irregularly lower during yesterday afternoon under mixed selling and profit-taking, which met some scale-down dealer-support. At the close, values were £2 to £5 higher on balance and sales totalled 1,467 lots.

Arabicas were 80 to 115 points higher on balance on sales of 12 lots.

Robustas.—Nov, £466.0-67.0 a long ton: Jan, £462.0-63.5: March, £455.5-54.0: May, £450.0-50.5: July, £446.0-47.0: Sept, £446.0-46.5: Nov, £446.5-48.0.

Arabicas.—Oct, $62.00-66.80 per 50 kilos: Dec, $64.10-64.50: Feb, $64.10-64.50: Feb, $63.50-64.00: April, $63.50-64.00: June, $63.50-64.00: Aug, $63.50-64.10: Oct, $63.60-64.00.

COCOA terminal values went solidly ahead in the closing stages yesterday on further short-covering and associated support. Contract "highs" were convincingly penetrated in both nearby December and March, bringing in additional chart-buying and stop-loss covering.

Jobber profit-taking pared best gains, but the market closed firm at £28.50 to £15.00 a tonne higher on balance. The closing call was particularly active at 886 lots and was extended by a full 25 minutes. Dealers saw the substantial rise as an extended bullish reaction to the United States grind.

Dec, £850.0-2.0 a metric ton: March, £753.0-4.0: May, £692.0-5.0: July, £657.0-60.0: Sept, £634.0-4.5. Sales, 3,941 lots (includes nine options).

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Oct-Nov, £217.50 seller: "D", Oct-Nov, £207.50 seller a long ton.

CALCUTTA steady.—Indian, Oct-Nov, Rs490.00: Dundee Daisee, Oct-Nov, Rs430.00 a bale of 400lb.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—EEC milling, Oct, £71.75: Nov, £72.75: Dec, £73.25 west coast sellers. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French, Oct-Nov, £74: Dec, £74.50 trans-shipment east coast sellers. A long ton, cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY steady.—Nov, £63.40: Jan, £66.50: March, £68.75: May, £70.60. WHEAT steady.—Nov, £63.50: Jan, £66.55: March, £69.50: May, £71.50. All a long ton.

Mark Lane.—Limited dealer and consumer purchases were reported yesterday for wheat and barley at fully steady rates. Hagberg milling wheat traded to the London area at £64, Jan-March at £73 and May at £75.25 a long ton. Denaturable wheat made £68 for Jan-Mch deliveries to Liverpool and £67.50 to Avonmouth. London paid £66.50 a long ton for Jan-March deliveries of feed barley with west coast ports paying 50p to £1 premiums. The following are average sellers' quotations in sterling per long ton for delivery London area. Wheat milling (Hagberg), Oct, £64: Jan, £72: Jan-March, £73. Denaturable quality, Jan-March, £67. Barley feed, Jan-March, £66.50. Oats unquoted.

US cocoa grindings down

New York, Oct 9.—Cocoa bean grindings in the United States for the third quarter of 1974 totalled 59,314 short tons, compared with 65,079 tons in the same period of 1973, a fall of 8.9 per cent, the United States Chocolate Manufacturers' Association reports.—Reuter.

Discount market

Discount houses were again very comfortably placed yesterday and for the second day running, the Bank of England intervened to "mop up" a small surplus by selling Treasury bills directly to the houses. However, identifiable factors suggested that the day would be flat and therefore the "mopping up" operation would lead to a slight shortage today.

"Calling" at the outset was fairly heavy, but money was moving freely at about the 8¾ or 9 per cent mark. The situation was uneven in the afternoon, but closing balances were taken between 4 and 6 per cent.

CHARTERHALL FINANCE

Taxable profits for year, £70,500 (loss £105,000) on turnover £170,000 (£37,000). Oil discovery by Transworld Consortium has already had impact on results. No dividend.

COLTNESS GROUP

Turnover, £2.7m (£1.9m). Taxable profits, £239,000 (£209,000) for half year. Interim is up from 0.91p to 1.03p.

S. CASKET (HOLDINGS)

The total consideration payable for the menswear retailing interests of John Loveys is to be limited to £410,000. This figure is not a "second payment", as incorrectly reported yesterday.

STARTRITE ENGINEERING

Pre-tax profit for year increased from £202,000 to £257,000 on turnover of £2.51m (£1.91m). Dividend is increased from 3.78p to 4.46p.

PATANI PARA

Pre-tax profits for 1973-74, £116,000 (£42,000). Earnings a share, 6.06p (2.63p). Dividend, 2.34p (2.25p).

Foreign Exchange

The dollar took a mild buffeting yesterday, mainly from Continental traders who had expected President Ford to take tougher economic measures than he did and also from the lower United States interest-rate trend. Some operators thought Arab switching out of dollars may have contributed to the general weakness.

Deutsche marks and Swiss francs—two of the most active currencies—strengthened to 2.5750-75 and 2.8975-90 respectively at one stage (in dollar terms) before coming off the top at 2.5810 and 2.9137.

Other dollar cross rates were French francs, 4.7487, Dutch guilders, 2.6590, and the Italian lire 666.00; the latter was much steadier after recent sharp falls.

Although losing ground generally against the dollar to $2.3415, to show a net gain of 70 points.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) October 9	Market rates (close) October 9
New York	$2.3340-3420	$2.3410-3420
Montreal	$2.2970-2995	$2.2980-2990
Amsterdam	6.20-25fl	6.20½-21¼fl
Brussels	90.70-85f	90.40-60f
Copenhagen	14.12-16k	14.14½-15½k
Frankfurt	5.98-6.10m	5.98-99m
Lisbon	59.25-60e	59.30-50e
Madrid	134.10-50p	134.20-50p
Milan	1526-60lr	1528-60lr
Oslo	12.73-79k	12.77½-78½k
Paris	11.09-13f	11.09½-10½f
Stockholm	10.24-29k	10.26½-27½k
Tokyo	696-705y	697-701y
Vienna	42.75-43.50sch	42.80-43.05sch
Zurich	6.78-85f	6.79¼-79¾f

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.70-.60c prem	2.15-2.05c prem
Montreal	.65-.55c prem	2.15-2.05c prem
Amsterdam	2-1c prem	7¼-6¼c prem
Brussels	20c prem-par	70-50c prem
Copenhagen	30 prem-par	7-48 prem
Frankfurt	2¼-1¼pf prem	7¼-6¼pf prem
Lisbon	10c prem-30c disc	75c prem-100c disc
Milan	3-8lr disc	15-20lr disc
Oslo	9-6½ prem	24-21ö prem
Paris	2-5c disc	5-8c disc
Stockholm	2¼ prem-½ö disc	5¼-3¼ö prem
Vienna	30-05gro prem	75-50gro prem
Zurich	3-2c prem	9¼-7¼c prem

Canadian dollar cross-rate (against U S dollar) $1.0122-25.

Eurodollar deposits (%): Calls, 9¼-9¾; seven days, 9½-10; one month, 9¾-10¼; three months, 10¾-11¼; six months, 10¾-11¼.

Gold fixed, am, $154.95 (an ounce); pm, $155.70.

Krugerrand (per coin): $172½-177½ (£74-76). Sovereigns: (old) $54-55½ (£23-23.75), (new) $56-59½ (£24.75-25.50).

Recent Issues

	Closing price
E. Anglian Wtr 10% Pf (£1)	197¾
Eastbourne Wtr 10% (£1)	197¼
Essex Wtr 10% Pf (£9)	79⅝
Finance for Ind 14% (106½)	197
Newcastle Wtr 10% Pf (£1)	19
UDT 10% Cnv (£100)	194

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Bank Hapoalim (15½)	..	30

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. ½ Issued by Tender. a £10 paid.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11½%
(last changed 20/9/74)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 8¼ Close 6
Week Fixed 9-9½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)			
Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅝	2 months	10⅝
3 months	11⅛	3 months	10¾

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%)		Trades (Dis%)	
2 months	11¼-11⅛	3 months	12½
3 months	11⅞-11¾	4 months	12¾
4 months	12¼-11⅞	6 months	13½
6 months	12½-12¼		

Local Authority Bonds			
1 month	11¾-10⅞	7 months	12⅞-12⅝
2 months	11¾-11⅝	8 months	13⅛-12⅞
3 months	11¾-11½	9 months	13¼-13
4 months	11⅞-11⅝	10 months	13⅜-13⅛
5 months	12½-12¼	11 months	13½-13¼
6 months	12⅝-12⅜	12 months	13⅝-13⅜

Secondary Mkt. CD Rates (%)			
1 month	11⅛-10⅞	6 months	12⅝-12⅜
3 months	11⅝-11½	12 months	13⅛-12⅞

Local Authority Market (%)			
2 days	10⅛-10⅝	3 months	11-11½
7 days	10⅝-10⅜	6 months	12½
1 month	11	1 year	13¼-13⅛

Interbank Market (%)			
Overnight: Open 9-8½		Close 6	
1 week	9⅞-9⅝	6 months	12⅝-12⅜
1 month	11-10⅝	9 months	13⅛-13
3 months	11⅝	12 months	13⅝-13⅜

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)			
3 months	12¾	6 months	13

Finance House Base Rate 12½%

The Times Share Indices

The Times share indices for 09.10.74 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	74.49	12.80	25.79	76.94
Largest Cos	73.61	[illegible]	25.40	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	77.28	12.09	24.86	[illegible]
Capital Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Consumer Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Store Shares	[illegible]	12.42	16.20	[illegible]
Largest financial shares	95.18	9.79	—	97.48
Largest financial and industrial shares	77.35	11.25	—	80.42
Commodity shares	148.71	11.13	20.77	149.90
Gold Mining shares	467.20	6.6	9.04	460.72
Industrial debenture stocks	70.41	9.04*	—	70.45
Industrial preference stocks	44.42	15.5*	—	46.08
3½% War Loan	22½	15.19*	—	21⅞

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	[illegible]	[illegible]
1974	[illegible]	[illegible]
1973	[illegible]	[illegible]
1972	[illegible]	[illegible]
1971	[illegible]	[illegible]
1970	[illegible]	[illegible]
1969	[illegible]	[illegible]

† Adjusted to 1964 base date.
* Flat interest yield.

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index of European share prices was put provisionally at 105.91 on October 8 against 105.55 a week earlier.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.			
		Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
48.1	21.8	Giants	19.5	21.6e	5.60
43.6	22.6	Do Accum	20.5	22.6	5.60
44.7	20.4	Growth	18.5	20.5e	6.20
35.2	20.4	Do Accum	19.4	20.4	6.20
45.5	24.1	Income	21.7	24.1	9.20
40.9	25.9	Do Accum	23.5	25.9	9.20
27.2	16.4	Int Accum	15.4	16.4	3.50
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296-5941			
25.3	12.1	Abbey Capital	11.5	12.3	7.26
47.5	20.6	Abbey General	19.5	20.8	6.24
25.0	14.3	Do Income	13.8	14.7	9.87
25.8	14.6	Do Invest	13.7	14.6	6.64
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2 01-588 6371			
81.3	38.0	Alben Trst*	35.7	38.4	4.36
53.1	28.0	Do Income*	26.0	28.0	8.99
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex 01-588 2851			
71.6	32.6	Allied Capital	31.1	33.2e	8.90
62.7	32.7	Do 1st	31.3	33.4	7.60
63.7	32.5	Brit Ind 2nd	31.0	33.0	8.34
38.9	18.1	Growth & Inc	17.3	18.4	7.86
32.3	15.8	Elec & Ind Dev	14.8	15.8e	8.28
37.8	24.7	Met Min & Cmdty	23.9	25.5	7.50
58.3	30.4	High Income	29.3	31.2e	9.16
38.8	18.7	Equity Income	17.9	19.1	9.72
24.6	14.1	International	13.8	14.7	2.40
25.8	23.0	HighYieldFnd	23.6	25.1	12.00
116.6	49.9	Hambro Fnd	47.6	50.8	8.33
53.7	25.1	Do Income	24.0	25.6	10.56
96.5	45.7	Do Recovery	44.3	47.2	12.06
30.1	11.8	Do Smaller	11.1	11.8	8.36
25.9	13.1	Do Accum	12.6	13.4	7.47
26.1	15.8	2nd Smaller	14.7	15.7e	9.20
50.8	30.4	Secs of America	29.5	31.4	3.19
101.6	91.9	Exempt Fnd	87.3	91.9e	7.75
		Ansbacher Unit Management Co Ltd.			
		1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JH. 01-606 4010			
42.4	18.6	Nth American	18.2	19.8e	3.81
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
		252-6 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5521			
25.0	25.0	UnicornAmer	22.7	25.0	3.50
69.5	35.7	Aust Income	36.7	39.6e	6.16
79.8	42.2	Do Accum	43.3	46.8e	6.16
76.3	30.8	Unicorn Capital	29.7	31.7e	7.78
75.7	36.3	Exempt*	35.4	36.9e	8.67
25.3	13.0	Extra Income	12.5	13.2	11.50
66.6	28.3	Financial	27.0	28.9	8.94
68.6	30.1	Unicorn '500'	28.6	30.6	8.70
24.6	13.8	General	13.1	14.0e	9.80
40.0	17.0	Growth Accum	16.3	17.4	8.16
73.6	34.9	Income	33.6	35.7	10.53
33.0	16.6	Recovery	15.8	16.9	9.08
125.0	51.3	Trustee	49.6	52.8	8.11
58.3	32.4	Worldwide	31.6	33.4	5.65
100.4	98.8	B'ter Inv Fnd	97.0	100.0	6.00
100.4	98.8	Do Accum	97.0	100.0	6.00
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3 01-626 6599			
143.0	87.0	Brandts Cap (4)	82.0	87.0	2.69
148.6	82.0	Do Accum (4)	87.0	92.0	2.57
141.0	81.8	Brandts Inc (4)	76.0	81.0	9.28
		Bridge Trust Management Co Ltd.			
		Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
109.0	54.0	Bridge Ex* (2)	53.0	56.0	8.86
236.0	133.0	Do Inc (2)	126.0	135.0	10.12
212.0	91.0	Do Cap (2)	86.0	92.0	3.48
218.0	93.0	DoCapAcc* (2)	89.0	95.0	3.48
116.0	51.0	O'was Inc (3)	48.0	51.0	5.87
118.0	54.0	Do Accum (3)	51.0	54.0	5.87
		The British Life			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
50.0	24.7	British Life	23.7	24.7e	8.60
32.7	19.5	Balanced (2)	18.5	19.5e	7.72
38.4	20.5	Cap Accum (2)	19.5	20.5	9.73
46.6	22.8	Dividend (2)	21.5	22.8e	12.22
41.2	24.7	Opp Accum (2)	23.5	24.8	9.89
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
179.5	106.9	Brn Ship Inc (7)	101.9	106.9	7.40
180.6	118.8	Do Accum (7)	113.3	118.8	7.40
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		6 Charles II St, London, SW1. 01-930 6122			
33.5	17.4	Canlife Gen	16.7	17.6	6.90
34.0	18.7	Do Accum	17.9	18.9	6.90
25.8	19.0	Income Dist	19.1	19.1	10.89
23.8	20.0	Do Accum	19.0	20.1	10.89
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
77.3	37.7	Carliol (8)	35.7	37.7	6.06
80.6	40.8	Do Accum	38.8	40.8	6.06
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
137.7	71.2	Inc* (24)	71.2	..	9.77
207.8	98.2	Accum* (24)	98.2	..	6.16
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
29.4	12.2	Int (3)	11.6	12.6e	4.96
30.0	13.6	Accum (3)	13.0	14.0e	4.96
44.8	22.8	Inc (3)	21.4	22.8e	10.32
26.4	18.8	Euro Fin (3)	17.6	18.8e	1.89
25.0	14.2	Fund Inv (3)	13.2	14.2e	7.31
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
41.3	11.2	Growth Fnd	10.8	11.5	8.07
53.8	23.9	International	22.9	24.4	3.50
43.2	19.1	Reserves Fnd	18.0	19.1	7.12
46.8	22.6	High Dist	21.2	22.6	3.02
		Discretionary Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Finsbury Hse, 22 Bloomfield St, EC2. 01-638 4485			
124.7	57.6	Income	54.7	57.6	10.28
136.0	66.2	Accum	62.9	66.2	10.28
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		43-45 South St, Eastbourne. 0323 36711			
56.8	39.7	Commodity	39.5	42.8	6.96
30.8	17.4	Growth	17.7	18.8	4.16
24.4	13.1	Inv Trust	12.1	13.1	6.08
42.1	23.4	Drayton Inc	22.5	24.2	9.31
39.7	29.0	International	28.3	30.3	4.17
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 02774 63169			
77.5	30.3	Progressive	29.2	31.1	5.94
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815			
58.4	26.0	Equity & Law	24.9	26.4e	7.74
		Family Fund Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296 5941			
74.3	46.9	Family Fnd	44.7	47.5	4.02
		Framlington Unit Management Ltd.			
		Spencer Hse, 4 South Place, EC2. 01-638 4866			
72.6	31.2	Capital	29.4	31.2e	8.33
62.6	30.4	Income	29.0	30.8	10.16
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
35.1	15.0	Friends Prov	14.4	15.4	7.69
36.9	16.6	Do Accum	15.9	16.9	7.69
		Funds in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
117.2	50.0	Capital*	49.0	50.0	5.84
88.6	45.8	Gross Income*	43.6	45.0	10.30
97.4	49.0	High Yield*	49.0	49.0	10.49
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
32.0	15.3	G & A	14.7	15.7e	7.17
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St. Martin's-Le-Grand, EC1 01-600 9461 Ext 13			
87.3	38.9	GT Cap	35.9	38.9e	2.00
93.5	42.1	Do Accum	39.1	42.1e	2.00
99.4	72.2	Do Income	70.0	73.5e	8.60
116.1	94.6	Do US Gen Fnd	116.0	119.5	1.00
113.7	94.6	Do Japan Gen	109.1	111.6	1.00
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-631 1031			
92.0	38.6	Guardhill	36.1	37.4	8.30
		Henderson Administration Ltd.			
		11 Austin Friars, London, EC2. 01-588 3622			
100.2	45.0	Cabot	42.3	45.0	5.60
197.5	83.5	Henderson Gr*	77.5	83.5	3.25
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 173, Croydon, CR9 6AL. 01-681 1031			
48.1	39.1	Dollar	37.4	40.8	1.78
30.9	19.8	International	19.4	20.8	3.27
143.3	63.6	Brit Trst	62.8	67.2	7.69
144.3	63.6	Brit Guernsey	62.8	67.2	5.16
27.7	10.9	Cap	11.1	11.9	9.32
79.3	41.6	Fin Trst	39.4	42.2e	4.64
23.2	10.8	Inc Trst	10.9	11.7	11.67
29.4	12.8	High Yield	12.0	12.9	12.25
47.1	21.4	Secs Trst	20.5	22.0e	7.55
		Ionian Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		64 Coleman St, London, EC2. 01-638 5666			
101.0	77.0	Foreign Fnd (21)	70.0	77.0	4.45
203.0	87.0	Growth Fnd (23)	82.0	87.0	7.92
109.0	68.0	Inc Fnd (26)	64.0	68.0	12.56
		Jascot Securities Ltd.			
		21 Young St, Edinburgh 031-225 6762			
37.6	14.9	Compound (1)	14.3	15.8	15.10
39.0	16.9	Do Accum (1)	16.6	18.1	15.10
39.0	15.2	8% Wdraw (1)	14.7	16.2	..
24.0	20.3	Preference	18.3	20.3	15.90
24.0	20.3	Do Accum	17.5	21.5	15.90
36.6	11.3	Cap (2)	10.3	11.5	..
36.2	12.8	Aust Comp Fnd	11.3	12.8e	7.00

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
25.4	12.1	8% W'draw	10.8	12.1e	..
31.5	14.8	Sector Ldrs (3)	13.9	14.8	7.40
24.3	9.9	Fin & Prop (3)	8.9	9.9e	6.55
41.5	22.8	Int Growth (4)	20.8	22.8	4.49
25.7	13.5	Nth Sea (3)	12.1	13.5e	4.05
45.0	24.0	Commodity (5)	22.9	25.4	8.90
49.1	28.0	Do Accum (5)	27.2	29.7	8.90
49.1	24.8	10% W'draw (5)	23.7	26.2	..
		Jessel Britannia Group.			
		155 Fenchurch St., London, EC3 01-623 7585			
68.1	41.0	Brit Comm Plus	38.9	41.6	9.63
49.3	20.1	Brit Gen	18.8	20.1e	10.04
41.0	23.4	Extra Inc	22.0	23.7	12.56
21.9	19.4	High Income	18.2	19.6	15.98
58.5	26.7	Jessel Cap	24.8	26.7e	8.00
73.0	18.4	Do City of Ldn	27.8	29.7	8.52
63.8	36.7	Do Global	34.3	36.8e	4.62
171.8	110.3	Do Gold & G	138.5	148.2	5.07
58.9	33.1	Do Inc	30.8	33.1	10.94
34.5	17.5	Do Inv Units	16.4	17.6	7.38
64.2	25.6	Do New Iss	23.9	25.6	10.43
24.7	10.5	Do Prop & G	9.9	10.6e	6.22
53.4	32.3	Do Plant & Gen	30.3	32.4	10.80
28.0	14.0	Aust & Gen (1)	13.0	14.0e	4.22
27.8	18.2	JL Int Cons	17.1	18.3e	6.19
		Key Fund Managers.			
		25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
79.0	36.8	Cap Fund	34.6	36.8	5.67
97.9	53.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	50.0	53.1e	12.10
80.3	38.8	Inc Fnd	36.6	38.9	11.98
99.1	44.6	KPIF	42.7	45.2	4.63
		Lawson Securities			
		63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
24.6	22.8	Gilt&Warrant	21.8	22.8	3.70
96.0	91.7	High Yield Fnd	86.6	91.8	16.70
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
60.0	30.4	Dist	28.8	30.4	7.57
62.0	33.2	Accum	31.4	33.2	7.57
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.			
		71 Lombard Street, London, EC3. 01-626 1500			
53.6	21.7	1st Inc	21.8	22.3	8.76
60.9	25.7	Do Accum	24.9	26.4	8.76
56.2	24.1	2nd Inc	23.0	24.4	7.04
60.6	27.0	Do Accum	25.8	27.4	7.04
76.5	37.2	3rd Inc	36.1	38.4	11.63
80.3	41.6	Do Accum	40.4	42.9	11.63
		Morgan Grenfell Funds.			
		23 Gt Winchester St, London, EC2. 01-588 4545			
148.5	72.8	Cap (3)	67.6	72.3	4.20
113.0	59.5	Exempt (26)	57.0	59.5	8.30
51.5	27.8	Inc (3)	25.9	27.8	9.90
15.11	7.18	Ins Agency (4) £	6.73	7.18	4.10
		M & G Securities.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
159.7	82.3	M & G General	80.8	86.0	7.80
199.8	108.0	Do Accum	106.1	113.0	7.80
150.2	77.7	2nd Gen	75.9	80.1	7.08
188.2	101.3	Do Accum	99.0	104.5	7.08
139.1	61.3	Mid & Gen	58.3	61.5	10.52
176.6	81.6	Do Accum	77.7	82.0	10.52
96.8	47.6	Div Fnd	46.5	49.1	12.41
136.7	70.6	Do Accum	69.1	72.9	12.41
141.8	68.4	Special Trst	64.8	68.6e	5.29
152.3	76.5	Do Accum	72.6	76.6	5.29
264.0	156.3	Magnum Fnd	132.6	138.8e	5.05
283.9	149.4	Do Accum	147.9	154.6	5.05
69.5	29.8	FITS	28.5	30.1	5.56
73.4	32.2	Do Accum	30.8	32.5	5.56
90.8	48.5	Compound	46.5	49.1	5.17
142.1	87.8	Recovery	83.2	87.8	9.30
50.0	30.4	Extra Yield	29.4	31.0	14.97
50.0	31.1	Do Accum	30.0	31.7	14.97
117.0	70.8	Japan	66.6	71.2	..
56.9	36.9	Euro & Gen	34.9	37.2	3.09
49.0	18.5	American & Gen	18.3	19.5	2.62
56.1	28.8	Australasian	28.7	30.6	4.34
52.1	28.2	Far East Inc	23.8	25.4e	2.76
52.7	25.0	Do Accum	24.1	25.7	2.76
140.9	60.6	Trustee Fnd	58.3	61.8	9.37
200.7	94.3	Do Accum	90.8	96.3	9.37
153.9	68.8	Charifund* (2)	68.3	69.4	11.06
136.0	59.6	Pension* (1)	58.9	61.0	8.61
43.7	21.2	NAACIF	21.2	..	14.39
85.7	49.3	Do Accum	49.3	..	14.39
60.7	30.6	M&GConv	29.5	31.1	2.82
74.2	34.9	Clyde Gen	33.6	35.4	8.07
83.0	41.2	Do Accum	39.6	41.8	8.07
73.4	38.8	Clyde High Inc	37.7	39.8	13.28
85.3	50.4	Do Accum	47.8	50.4	13.28
99.7	69.8	ManagedBonds	66.4	69.8	..
		The National Group of Unit Trusts.			
		3-5 Norwich Street, London, EC4. 01-405 8891			
34.2	24.9	Century	23.3	25.2e	7.17
53.2	26.3	Com Cons	24.9	26.8e	6.63
56.2	21.9	Domestic	20.8	22.0	8.73
73.6	35.4	Gas Ind Power	34.5	37.0	8.63
58.8	28.9	Hundred Secs	27.2	29.1	6.62
49.5	20.8	Inv Gen	19.1	20.9	7.07
80.5	26.3	Do 2nd Gen	32.4	33.1	7.45
82.1	45.8	Natbits	43.5	46.4	4.14
50.8	27.0	Nat Cons	25.6	27.7	6.44
191.0	88.1	Do 'D' 2nd	82.8	88.9	7.31
79.5	43.6	Do High Inc	41.7	44.7e	8.85
37.6	23.8	NUFITS	22.0	23.8	6.82
79.1	51.5	Nat Resources	49.0	52.0e	6.05
165.2	78.2	Prov Inv Trst	73.0	78.6e	6.47
70.2	32.6	Scot Units	31.1	33.7	7.01
83.7	40.5	Security 1st	38.2	41.3	6.09
71.1	30.5	Shamrock	37.3	39.8	7.27
48.8	29.7	Shield	28.6	30.5e	4.47
113.0	58.1	Universal 2nd	55.5	58.5e	7.13
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd.			
		48 Gracechurch St, EC3. 01-623 4200			
47.1	23.1	NPI Accum (15)	21.7	23.1	7.30
46.3	21.8	Do Dist (15)	20.4	21.8	7.30
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers.			
		41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP 01-637 8044			
61.2	30.5	Capital	29.2	31.1	5.84
35.3	16.5	Income	16.0	17.0e	8.72
42.0	19.9	Financial	19.1	20.3	4.71
91.7	47.4	Growth	46.3	48.3	6.14
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296 5941			
198.0	113.0	Equity	108.0	114.0e	4.42
95.5	68.5	Income Fund	84.9	90.3	7.19
103.2	80.9	International	77.0	81.9	3.60
95.1	77.2	Smaller Co's	73.6	78.3e	4.83
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Pinners Hall, Austin Friars, EC2. 01-638 8581			
43.6	24.7	Financial	23.3	24.8e	5.71
33.7	13.4	General	12.6	13.6e	5.86
56.6	20.9	Growth	20.0	21.3e	6.99
37.5	19.5	Do Accum	18.7	19.8e	6.99
34.1	16.4	High Income	15.6	16.7e	9.45
29.9	11.7	Investment	11.0	11.7	6.95
34.4	19.3	Overseas	18.2	19.3	4.85
56.4	28.6	Performance	27.6	29.3	5.13
34.4	15.2	Progressive	14.5	15.3	8.98
31.9	14.9	Recovery	14.0	14.9	5.13
		Pearl-Montagu Trust Managers Ltd.			
		114 Old Broad St, GPO Box 825 EC2. 01-588 6464			
30.4	11.2	Growth	10.5	11.3	7.26
30.6	11.8	Do Accum	11.0	11.8	7.26
32.6	15.4	Income	14.3	15.4e	12.27
36.6	17.4	Trust	16.5	17.8	7.88
41.2	19.5	Do Accum	18.5	19.9	7.86
		Pelican Unit Administration.			
		81 Fountain St, Manchester. 061 236 5685			
67.6	34.3	Pelican	32.7	34.3	7.72
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-636 8744			
38.0	25.1	Inc & Growth	23.4	25.2	3.80
43.2	21.7	Extra Inc	21.9	23.7e	11.25
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd.			
		10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1. 01-251 0544			
103.4	32.0	Portfolio Cap	29.8	32.0e	6.56
100.6	46.9	Grwth With Inc	43.7	46.9	7.25
56.6	20.8	Private Port	19.3	21.2	8.68
54.1	39.6	Shenley Port	36.9	39.6	6.31
		Practical Investment Co Ltd.			
		Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
148.5	66.5	Pract Inc (3)	60.3	66.5e	6.34
177.6	84.7	Do Accum (3)	78.8	84.8	6.34
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.			
		100 Cannon St, London, EC4. 01-626 0377			
71.1	39.0	Prolific	37.4	40.1e	7.35
47.2	44.9	Do High Inc	42.9	45.3	12.18
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers			
		Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
123.0	54.0	Prudential	51.0	54.0	7.70
		Save & Prosper Group			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717			
		Dealings to 01-554 8899			
		Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351			
		Ebor Securities.			
64.3	34.8	Universal Grwth	33.1	35.4	2.85
64.7	27.1	Capital Accum	25.9	27.7	7.48
63.0	25.8	General	24.2	25.9	7.88
53.6	26.4	High Return	25.3	27.0	10.29
64.0	41.0	Commodity	39.6	42.3e	8.18
54.1	31.6	Energy	30.6	32.7	1.60
54.8	20.7	Financial	19.8	21.0	6.18
55.1	26.1	Prop & Build	24.5	26.2	8.62
115.0	46.0	Select Grwth (8)	44.0	46.0	2.67
104.6	45.6	Select Inc (9)	43.5	45.5e	10.67
192.5	133.5	Comm Pen (3)	125.2	133.6	8.48

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
40.8	17.7	Capital	16.5	17.7	4.64
83.3	36.9	Financial Secs	35.0	37.6	4.35
29.6	12.4	Investment	11.6	12.4	6.55
81.2	52.2	Euro Growth‡	50.7	54.1	2.18
73.4	42.7	Japan Growth‡	40.1	42.6e	2.12
92.9	43.7	US Growth‡	42.4	45.3	2.58
47.5	20.5	General	19.6	21.0	8.72
50.3	24.3	High Yield	24.0	25.6e	10.06
41.9	21.1	Income	19.8	21.3	11.92
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
56.6	25.2	Scotbits	23.8	25.4	3.77
51.8	26.8	Scotyields	25.5	27.3e	8.91
64.2	27.7	Scotgrowth	27.0	28.8	5.58
56.0	25.6	Scotshares	24.2	25.9	7.11
290.5	137.3	Scotfunds	135.1	141.1	3.06
58.3	24.6	Scotincome	23.3	24.6e	10.42
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd.			
		120 Cheapside, London, E.C.2 01-242 8282			
129.0	46.6	Capital (16)	45.0	46.6	5.19
136.5	50.9	Do Accum	49.1	50.9	5.19
146.6	66.3	Income (16)	63.9	66.2	11.19
164.5	80.0	Do Accum	77.2	80.0	11.19
79.0	27.9	General (3)	26.8	27.9	7.60
83.0	30.9	Do Accum	29.7	30.9	7.60
43.7	27.8	Europe (18)	26.0	27.8	0.37
44.6	28.8	Do Accum	27.1	28.8	0.37
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd.			
		47-57 Gresham St, London, EC2. 01-600 4747			
62.1	40.7	Growth	39.3	42.1	7.48
51.9	27.4	Assets	33.3	35.7	7.70
36.4	25.3	Capital Accum	23.4	25.1	6.50
38.4	30.5	Financial	28.7	30.7e	6.50
59.8	41.4	High Income	39.2	42.0e	8.61
548.7	279.5	Professional	280.6	289.3	6.46
25.0	14.6	Status Change	15.4	16.4	6.12
115.0	88.6	Minerals Tst	89.9	95.7e	6.28
25.0	25.0	North American	23.5	25.0	5.00
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers.			
		45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
101.9	31.2	American	28.1	31.2	3.59
100.0	60.1	British Cap	56.5	60.1e	7.52
		Talisman Fund Managers.			
		Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
43.1	18.2	Talisman (3)	16.8	18.2	3.28
29.1	11.1	Do Int	10.8	11.7	4.24
		Target Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
43.0	18.8	Consumer	17.7	18.9	7.75
77.6	34.0	Financial	32.1	34.3	6.82
54.7	21.5	Equity	21.0	22.5	7.82
182.3	91.7	Exempt*	88.8	92.0	8.44
193.6	103.6	Do Accum (3)	100.3	103.9	8.44
38.8	16.8	Growth	15.7	16.8	6.51
35.0	17.7	International	17.0	18.1e	3.72
19.4	18.0	Do Re-invest	17.3	18.5	3.72
30.1	13.6	Investment	12.7	13.6	5.88
175.9	81.0	Professional (3)	78.1	81.3	8.31
25.5	13.1	Income	12.3	13.1	11.00
37.2	11.6	Preference	10.7	11.8	14.97
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd.			
		19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
35.0	15.8	Eagle	14.7	15.7	4.71
40.7	20.5	Thistle	19.5	20.8	9.52
52.6	30.1	Claymore Fnd	28.5	30.1	4.12
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks. 0296 5941			
47.8	17.7	General	17.0	18.1e	7.41
44.6	20.2	Do Accum	19.4	20.7	7.41
		Transatlantic & General Securities Co.			
		99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 51651			
98.3	37.0	Barbican (4)	36.6	38.4	7.75
116.9	48.5	Do Accum	46.7	50.3	7.75
78.3	45.2	Buckingham (4)	44.0	46.1	7.03
91.6	49.2	Do Accum	47.9	50.2	7.03
104.1	55.1	Colemco	53.9	56.7e	10.48
104.1	58.4	Do Accum	57.2	60.2	10.48
71.9	33.5	Glen Fund (2)	31.6	33.5	9.87
75.7	36.9	Do Accum	34.7	36.9	9.87
102.9	47.8	G'chester* (5)	45.6	47.8	5.00
101.6	60.0	Ldn & Brus'ls*	66.0	69.0	3.43
53.8	31.1	Marlborough	29.0	31.1	6.64
53.8	32.6	Do Accum	30.3	32.6	6.64
83.7	37.1	Merlin (1)	35.4	37.1	8.56
85.7	40.1	Do Accum	38.1	40.1	8.56
49.5	29.0	Merlin Yield	29.0	30.5e	10.95
50.1	30.9	Do Accum	30.9	32.5	10.95
57.5	22.5	Vanguard (2)	20.7	22.5	10.17
61.3	25.2	Do Accum	23.2	25.2	10.17
51.2	31.8	Wickmoor	31.1	32.3e	8.30
51.2	33.3	Do Accum	32.4	33.9	8.30
		Trident Funds.			
		(Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd.)			
		140 South St, Dorking. Dorking 86441			
30.2	12.9	Performance	12.1	13.3e	7.31
55.1	26.3	Income Fund	24.3	26.3	11.50
50.9	22.2	10% Withdrwl	20.5	22.2	..
81.1	34.7	Int Growth	32.8	34.9	5.35
23.5	23.1	AmerGrwth	21.7	23.1	2.62
		Tyndall Managers Ltd.			
		18 Canynge Road, Bristol. 0272 32241			
122.2	54.8	Income	52.6	54.8	10.05
166.4	80.8	Do Accum	77.6	80.8	10.05
145.0	63.0	Capital	60.4	63.0	4.65
171.2	77.6	Do Accum	74.6	77.6	4.65
110.8	44.0	Canynge Fund	41.8	44.0	7.20
115.4	48.2	Do Accum	45.8	48.2	7.20
128.6	54.3	Exempt*	52.6	54.8	6.46
144.6	65.2	Do Accum	62.6	65.2	6.46
115.8	47.6	Local Auth*	45.6	47.6	6.70
126.4	55.0	Do Accum	52.8	55.0	6.70
		Tyndall National & Commercial.			
		18 Canynge Road, Bristol. 0272 32241			
160.0	75.6	Income (23)	72.2	75.6	8.77
173.4	89.6	Do Accum	85.6	89.6	8.77
162.8	62.2	Capital (23)	59.4	62.2	6.13
172.6	69.0	Do Accum	66.0	69.0	6.13
		Unit Trust Account & Management.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
102.0	67.0	Friars Hse Fnd	63.0	67.0	8.00
34.1	12.9	Gt Winchester	12.2	13.9	10.03
24.9	14.0	Do Overseas	13.3	14.0	7.98
26.0	13.3	Wieler Growth	12.5	13.3e	6.51
20.5	13.8	Do Accum	12.9	13.8	6.51
		Vavasseur Group of Unit Trusts.			
		11-13 Crosswall, EC3N 2LQ. 01-481 1144			
59.3	33.4	Aust Trst	32.3	34.4e	5.36
30.4	20.6	Cap Accum	19.6	20.9	6.36
47.4	25.7	European	24.8	26.2	3.21
54.2	25.8	Far East Tst	24.9	26.5	5.42
30.0	22.4	Financial	21.1	22.5	6.60
48.3	26.0	High Income	24.6	26.2	14.12
29.4	15.7	Inc & Assets	14.8	15.8	9.13
29.3	17.2	International	17.0	18.1e	4.37
31.0	13.3	Inv Trst	12.5	13.3	7.66
50.6	26.4	Nth American	29.2	31.1	1.80
34.4	20.2	Oil & Nat Res	19.4	20.7	4.63
105.2	59.8	Pers Portfolio	56.4	60.2	6.93
		Anthony Wieler & Co Ltd.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
26.0	13.3	Wieler Growth	12.5	13.3e	6.51
20.5	13.8	Do Accum	12.9	13.8	6.51

Insurance Bonds and Funds

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		100 Strand, London, WC2R 1DY. 01-836 6600			
37.9	16.8	Equity Trst (3)	15.8	16.8	..
28.4	13.1	Do Accum (3)	12.4	13.1	..
95.3	100.0	Money Fd Unit	95.3	100.4	..
71.1	50.0	Sel Inv (3)	47.0	50.0	..
62.2	44.5	Do Pen (3)	41.8	44.5	..
135.5	129.7	Prop Units (27)	122.2	129.7	..
141.0	117.6	Do Accum (27)	110.7	117.6	..
145.4	123.4	Do Pen (27)	116.2	123.4	..
99.8	100.0	Conv Bnd	99.8	105.1	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd.			
		3 Pavilion Bldgs, Brighton, BN1 1EE. 0273 21917			
97.8	100.0	Triad Man Bnd	97.8	103.5	..
		Atlantic Assurance			
		Atlantic Hse, Billingshurst, Sussex. 040-381 3451			
106.0	100.0	All-Weather Ac	106.0	111.5	..
105.4	108.8	Do Capital	105.4	110.9	..
150.0	97.0	Invest Fnd	100.0	..	..
157.5	96.0	Pension Fnd	96.0	..	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co.			
		Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-555 1211			
96.0	69.8	Barclaybonds	66.3	69.8	..
		Canada Life Assurance.			
		6 Charles II St, London, SW1. 01-930 6122			
58.1	27.9	Equity Grwth	27.9	..	..
126.2	58.0	Retirement	58.0	..	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
13.98	8.07	Equity Units £	8.20	..	..
123.0	73.0	Do Accum	74.0	..	..
97.0	52.0	Do Annuity	53.0	..	..
856.0	714.0	Prop Units	788.0	..	..
962.0	736.0	Do Accum	846.0	..	..
9.43	8.32	Exec Bal £	8.37	..	..
8.78	5.51	Exec Equity £	5.60	..	..
11.35	9.39	Exec Prop £	10.05	..	..
9.95	8.45	Bal Bond £	8.37	8.86	..
9.85	5.63	Equity Bond £	5.60	5.93	..
11.35	9.26	Prop Bond £	10.05	10.63	..
9.76	8.33	Bal Units £	8.37	..	..

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		City of Westminster Assurance Society.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944			
		Valuation last working day of month			
73.1	64.8	1st Units	61.8	64.8	..
50.9	45.4	Prop Units	44.5	46.7	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
46.1	40.9	W'minster Units	41.5	43.5	..
68.2	56.0	Land Bank	65.8	..	..
44.5	37.9	Speculator	37.9	..	..
135.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	132.0	134.6	..
99.3	100.0	Inv Option Bnd	99.3	104.5	..
		2nd Managed Fund			
121.1	48.9	Performance	109.9	..	..
115.4	103.9	Balanced	111.4	117.2	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group,			
		St. Helen's 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01/283 7500			
40.3	30.0	Variable An Acc	20.4	..	..
14.9	10.5	Do Ann	10.5	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance			
		32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410			
		Valuation 15th of month			
165.0	76.0	Capital Fnd	76.0	..	..
68.5	30.5	GS Special	30.5	..	..
98.0	88.5	Man Grwth (23)	84.0	88.5	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co.			
		Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
134.0	94.0	Crown Brit Inv	94.9	..	..
		Crusader Insurance.			
		Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031			
		Valuation 1st Tuesday of month			
61.8	59.9	Crusader Prop	61.5	64.9	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance.			
		PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
56.0	26.6	Eagle Units	25.8	26.8	10.75
56.0	26.6	Midland Units	25.8	28.8	10.75
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd.			
		Corporation St, High Wycombe, Bucks. 35821			
48.8	31.5	Am Grth Fnd (1)	31.5	33.2	..
22.9	16.0	Flexible Fnd	15.3	16.0	..
56.1	36.6	Trst of Trsts	35.4	36.6	..
52.5	38.4	Do Cap	36.5	38.4	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
168.4	137.7	Prop Bond	140.6	146.5	..
115.0	68.3	Pen Man Bonds	64.9	68.3	..
		Hambro Life Assurance.			
		7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
145.3	80.4	Equity	77.8	81.9	..
134.7	120.3	Property	119.7	127.3	..
127.2	87.2	Managed Cap	83.0	88.2	..
130.6	94.6	Do Accum	89.9	95.6	..
142.5	127.0	Pen Prop Cap	128.9	135.7	..
157.3	153.1	Do Accum	145.8	153.5	..
131.0	122.2	Pen Man Cap	116.0	122.2	..
143.4	130.3	Do Accum	131.2	138.2	..
101.1	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	101.1	106.6	..
101.3	100.0	Pen Fl Cap	101.3	106.8	..
102.7	100.0	Do Accum	103.7	109.3	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.			
		Euston Road, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.2	31.0	Prop Bond	29.6	31.5	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd.			
		NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
159.5	131.3	HS Prop Units	131.0	137.6	..
97.8	86.5	Fortune Man (5)	84.9	89.4	..
97.6	100.0	Money Fnd	97.6	102.8	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
70.3	30.4	Hodge Bonds	29.2	30.7	..
60.5	42.3	Takeover	40.8	43.0	..
		Individual Life Insurance Co Ltd.			
		45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
98.7	68.0	Equities	68.5	70.0	..
107.3	94.8	Fixed Int	107.1	112.8	..
99.4	95.4	Managed	93.7	98.7	..
102.1	100.5	Property	99.9	105.2	..
109.9	100.0	MoneyFund	95.9	101.0	..
106.0	100.0	King & Shaxson	103.6	105.8	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance.			
		9 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 5897			
107.6	69.0	Lion Equity	69.1	..	..
113.3	79.3	Do Accum	79.5	..	..
63.2	54.4	Lion Man Grwth	51.1	54.4	..
61.8	49.7	Do Cap	47.1	49.7	..
75.6	62.7	Lion Prop Fnd	65.8	..	..
85.4	51.9	Lion High Yield	51.9	..	..
113.3	84.6	Do Equity Pen	84.6	..	..
78.8	62.7	Do Prop Pen	88.5	..	..
85.4	59.0	Do H Yld Pen	59.0	..	..
		Irish Life Assurance.			
		11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 9385			
157.9	134.8	Prop Modules	145.9	153.5e	4.30
102.2	100.0	Managed Fnd	97.7	102.9	..
75.9	33.0	Blue Chip Fnd	32.8	34.6	7.40
		Langham Life Assurance.			
		Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8881			
136.8	115.2	Property Bnd	109.5	115.2	..
30.9	21.0	Prop Units (Lis)	23.6	24.9	..
136.8	115.2	Prop Fnd Units	109.5	115.2	..
97.3	47.6	Midas Bond (34)	45.2	47.6	..
97.3	45.2	Cap Accum (34)	45.2	..	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co. Ltd.			
		Northcliffe Hse, Colston Ave, Bristol. 297281			
27.5	21.5	Secure Ret	27.5	29.0	..
47.0	19.5	Select Inv	18.5	19.5	..
27.0	19.0	Do 2nd	17.5	19.0	..
24.5	19.5	Gilt Fnd	24.0	25.3	..
24.0	17.5	Equity Fnd	16.5	18.0	..
96.5	100.0	Deposit Fnd	96.5	100.2	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd.			
		12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
101.7	77.1	Mult Grwth Fnd	77.1	..	..
98.6	74.3	Opt 4 Equity	76.5	80.6	..
98.1	100.0	Do Property	98.1	103.3	..
99.4	97.8	Do High Yield	94.2	99.2	..
99.0	100.0	Do Managed	96.1	101.3	..
95.8	100.0	Do Deposit	95.8	100.9	..
100.0	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	100.0	105.3	..
100.3	100.0	Do Equity Fnd	100.3	105.6	..
100.0	100.0	Do FI Fnd	100.0	105.3	..
100.0	100.0	Do Man Fnd	100.0	105.3	..
97.1	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	97.1	102.3	..
		London Indemnity & General Ins Co Ltd.			
		Northcliffe Hse, Colston Ave, Bristol. 297281			
26.6	16.1	Money Manager	15.4	16.6	..
100.0	100.0	Do Deposit	96.2	101.4	..
24.2	15.8	Do Flex Fnd	15.0	15.9	..
24.3	24.9	Do Fixed Int	24.0	25.0	..
24.0	25.0	Do Managed	24.0	25.3	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance.			
		Manulife Hse, Stevenage Herts. 0438-56101			
38.0	19.2	Manulife (5)	18.6	19.5	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance.			
		125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
104.3	100.0	ConvDepBnd	104.3	..	..
100.0	100.0	Do Pension	100.0	..	..
101.4	43.8	Equity Bond	43.8	..	..
100.0	100.0	Do Pension	100.0	..	..
116.7	91.2	Managed Bond	91.2	..	..
100.0	100.0	Do Pension	100.0	..	..
103.6	100.0	Money Market	102.6	..	..
100.0	100.0	Do Pension	100.0	..	..
150.8	94.7	Property Bond	114.4	..	..
145.1	94.7	Do Pension	104.3	..	..
		M & G Assurance.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
119.5	60.4	Equity Bond (4)	60.7	63.3	..
93.9	47.7	Do Bonus	45.8	47.7	..
101.4	49.4	Int'l Bnd (4)	46.9	49.4	..
115.4	66.9	Fam Bnd 1976	97.2	..	..
139.9	66.9	Do 1977/80	77.1	..	..
75.2	74.0	Do 1981/86	75.2	..	..
44.5	30.5	Mirror Bonds	30.5	..	..
164.1	86.1	Pers Pen (5)	84.4	87.0	..
139.9	114.8	Prop Fnd (4)	115.2	121.1	..
		Nation Life Insurance.			
		Nation Hse, Teddington, Mddx. 01-977 8811			
156.5	134.1	Prop Bonds	155.1	163.5	..
58.5	54.4	Do Perf (1969)	58.1	..	..
122.0	112.7	Capital	117.1	123.3	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		Surrey St, Norwich NOR 88A. 0603 22200			
		Valuation 3rd Wednesday of month			
134.2	71.2	Norwich Units	71.2	..	..
		Pearl-Montagu Assurance			
		252 High Holborn, London, EC2. 01-588 6464			
105.6	100.7	Prop Units	105.6	112.5	..
		Phoenix Assurance.			
		4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
105.9	66.5	Wealth Ass Bnd	63.2	66.6	..
55.2	39.1	Ebor Ass (31)	39.1	..	..
60.6	40.6	Ebor Endow (32)	38.7	40.6	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co.			
		119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
176.2	150.5	R Silk Prop Bnd	160.0	..	..
115.0	100.0	Do Bal Ag Bnd	108.8	..	..
100.3	98.7	Do Series (2)	98.9	..	..
107.8	76.0	Do Managed	78.6	..	..
103.7	71.3	Do Equity Bnd	72.9	..	..
101.4	100.0	Do Flex Mny	101.4	..	..
		Property Growth Assurance.			
		111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. 01-928 0381			
176.0	147.5	Prop Grwth (29)	147.5	..	..
551.0	536.0	AG Bond (29)	536.0	..	..

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
136.5	122.5	Abb Nat PG (29)	125.5	..	..
54.9	50.0	Shenley Inv (29)	50.2	..	..
103.4	100.0	Do Equity	103.4	..	..
104.9	100.0	Do Money	104.9	..	..
138.0	112.0	Ret Annuity (29)	117.0	..	..
128.0	113.5	Immed Ann (33)	113.5	..	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd.			
		Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
19.04	9.66	Equity £	9.37	9.66	..
10.93	10.05	Fixed Int £	9.95	10.10	..
19.60	12.82	Property £	17.45	17.90	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.			
		Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 22271			
170.1	137.8	Rel Prop Bnd	153.8	..	..
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
99.8	84.3	Bal Bnd	80.4	84.7	..
97.3	64.3	Equity Bnd	61.7	65.0	..
29.2	14.3	Mint Bond (4)	13.5	14.3	..
124.3	113.4	Prop Fnd (30)	111.3	117.2	..
		Schroder Life Group.			
		18-24 Maltravers St, WC2. 01-836 3853			
96.0	100.0	Fixed Interest	96.0	101.0	..
98.4	66.4	Flexible Fnd	63.1	66.4	..
244.7	103.4	Equity Fnd	103.4	..	..
106.4	100.2	Do 2nd Ser	95.4	100.4	..
108.8	100.0	PenFndCap	108.6	114.6	..
112.3	100.0	PenFndAccum	112.3	118.2	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance.			
		9 St Andrew Sq., Edinburgh. 031-225 1291			
266.6	165.7	Inv Policy	160.9	165.7	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co.			
		PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
118.3	52.1	Unit Endowm't	52.1	..	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.			
		2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
164.1	79.0	Maple Leaf (3)	81.2	..	..
112.2	100.0	Personal Pens	112.2	..	..
		Target Life Assurance			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
96.3	100.0	Deposit Inc	96.3	101.4	..
98.1	98.2	Fixed Interest	95.2	100.7	..
100.1	86.4	Man Fnd Acc	81.7	86.4	..
97.0	82.0	Do Income	77.3	82.0	..
130.0	94.0	Prop Bnd Inv	94.0	..	..
96.0	101.0	Do Income	95.2	101.0	..
143.0	105.0	Do Accum	105.0	..	..
70.6	33.0	Ret Ann Pen Cap	31.4	33.5	..
73.1	35.6	Do Accum	33.6	35.9	..
		Trident Life.			
		Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
95.5	84.4	Trident Man	80.1	84.4	..
95.0	93.5	Do Guar Man	94.0	99.1	..
102.0	100.0	Do Property	102.0	108.0	..
95.0	61.0	Do Equity	57.8	61.0	..
96.5	91.0	Do High Yield	88.6	93.5	..
97.3	100.0	Do Money	97.3	102.5	..
95.0	100.0	DoFiscalFnd	95.0	100.0	..
158.5	34.0	Do Bonds	32.0	34.0	..
88.34	82.40	Gilt Edged(f)	84.00	..	..
		Tyndall Assurance.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
148.4	89.0	Prop Fnd (19)	89.0	..	..
134.8	83.6	3 Way Fnd (19)	83.6	..	..
		Welfare Insurance.			
		The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
104.4	100.0	Capital Grwth	104.4	..	..
102.7	75.3	Flexible Fnd	75.6	..	..
120.3	81.5	Inv Fnd	82.7	..	..
131.9	98.8	Prop Fnd	98.8	..	..
110.9	81.0	Money Maker	81.6	..	..

Offshore and International Funds

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 37806			
100.4	64.3	Europ'n Ster	61.6	65.2	5.44
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd			
		Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37806			
45.9	37.7	Jer Guer O'seas	37.4	39.4	11.19
		Brandts & Grindlay (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 80, Broad St, St Helier.			
149.0	86.0	Brandt Jersey	81.0	86.0e	8.48
159.0	98.0	Do Accum	92.0	98.0e	7.34
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
78.38	53.23	O'seas Fnd $	53.23	..	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd.			
		60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5433			
785.0	535.0	Bullock Fnd	506.0	560.0	2.50
612.0	456.0	Canadian Fnd	489.0	553.0	1.50
279.0	217.0	Canadian Inv	224.0	254.0e	3.16
203.0	140.0	Div Shares	125.0	141.0e	3.14
705.0	449.0	NY Venture Fnd	454.0	513.0	..
		Charterhouse Japhet.			
		1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
41.40	24.30	Adiropa DM	23.50	24.80	9.27
60.50	29.20	Adiverba DM	39.60	41.60	8.41
38.80	25.50	Fondak DM	24.30	25.60	8.59
32.20	18.90	Fondis DM	18.10	19.10	9.42
125.50	40.50	Gen O'seas Swfr	38.50	41.50	4.10
69.29	44.00	Hispano $	60.17	63.21	1.10
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 157, St Julians Ct St Peters Port Guernsey			
94.5	91.0	Int Cap Man (20)	86.0	94.0	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey).			
		37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591			
205.7	124.6	Channel Cap	119.8	125.9	3.75
111.8	67.6	Channel Isles	65.4	68.8	5.87
		Eurosyndicat Group.			
		Agents: N. M. Rothschild and Sons.			
		New Ct, St Swithin's Lane EC4. 01-626 4356			
2.609	1.408	Eurunion Luxfr	1.354	1.408	5.11
539.0	265.0	Fin Union Luxfr	255.0	265.0	6.79
		Hambros (Guernsey)			
		Hirzel Ct, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 23688			
151.6	68.4	Channel Isles †	65.1	68.4	7.05
54.8	23.8	Do Int Fnd †	25.2	26.5	7.42
		Kayandoy Bermuda Management Ltd.			
		Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton, 5, Bermuda.			
1.56	1.15	Bishopsgate $	1.10	1.15	..
		Keystone Funds of Boston.			
		79 Lombard St, London, EC3. 01-623 1157			
265.0	137.0	Polaris	115.0	137.0	..
372.0	237.0	K'stone Growth	198.0	237.0	..
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd.			
		5 St Georges St, Douglas, IoM. Douglas 4682			
25.0	19.3	Int Income (3)	18.1	19.3	7.00
		Manx International Management.			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, IoM 0624-4856			
37.5	13.0	Aust Min	13.0	13.9	5.90
181.6	87.0	Gtr Pacific	88.0	89.3	..
53.9	22.4	Manx Mutual	22.3	23.8	2.70
46.3	34.5	Manx Int Inc	33.4	34.5e	8.40
69.6	34.8	Pan Aust Exr	32.7	34.8	6.30
108.3	73.6	Sch Growth (27)	72.8	73.6	..
		M & G Group.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
130.0	58.6	Island Fnd †	56.6	59.0e	5.67
153.6	73.6	Do Accum †	70.8	73.8	5.67
2.40	1.20	Atlantic Exp $	1.19	1.20	..
2.42	1.10	Aust & Gen $	1.12	1.15	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331			
54.2	30.6	Old Ct Eq (34)	34.6	36.6	..
100.1	88.5	Old Ct Int (35)	83.2	88.5	..
93.1	86.0	Smaller Co's	80.9	86.0e	..
		Slater Walker (Jersey)			
		2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37361			
237.7	149.8	Growth Inv	146.0	151.6	1.00
76.4	45.5	Int'l Fnd	44.5	46.8	1.00
97.4	100.0	Jersey Energy	95.9	100.9	1.00
		Stellar Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Victory Hse, Prospect Hill, Douglas, IoM. 23911			
70.7	29.1	Growth (10)	27.0	29.1	7.38
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd.			
		PO Box 710, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
2.16	0.43	Offshore $	0.44	0.48	..
		Tyndall Overseas Funds Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda.			
1.56	0.96	Overseas $	0.91	0.96	6.00
1.80	1.20	Do Accum $	1.14	1.20	6.00
		Tyndall Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37331			
13.95	6.35	Overseas Str £	6.00	6.35	6.00
15.40	7.95	Do Accum £	7.55	7.95	6.00

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Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday, (6) Oct 22, (8) Oct 16, (9) Oct 15, (10) Oct 31, (14) Nov 1, (15) Oct 16, (16) Oct 22, (18) Nov 5, (19) Oct 25, (20) 25th of month, (21) 2nd Thursday of month, (23) 20th of month, (24) 1st Tuesday of month, (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, (26) 4th Thursday of month, (27) 1st Wednesday of month, (28) Last Thursday of month, (29) 3rd working day of month, (30) 16th of month, (31) 1st working day of month, (32) 20th of month, (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov, (34) Last working day of month, (35) 15th of month, (36) 14th of month, (37) 21st of each month.

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GENERAL VACANCIES

THAMES WATER AUTHORITY
THAMES CONSERVANCY DIVISION

MATHEMATICIAN/PROGRAMMER

£2,061—£3,018 or £3,018—£3,750 plus threshold payment

Applications are invited for a newly created post in the Water Resources Section (Engineering) of the Thames Conservancy Division at a salary on the Professional Main Grade Scale, starting point to be determined according to age, qualifications and experience.

The person appointed will take charge of a small data control group which acts as the administrative interface between the Engineer's Department and the Divisional Computer Section, which operates an ICL 1902A with twin 30-Mbit Discs.

Responsibilities include the creation and maintenance of computer files of hydrometric data which must be compatible with a comprehensive system of data acquisition by telemetry which is expected to go live in approximately 18 months' time.

The position would suit a Mathematician with appropriate postgraduate qualifications or experience in statistics. Experience in high-level programming is essential and ICL 1900 experience would be a considerable advantage. An interest in hydrology and hydrological modelling would also be an asset.

Removal expenses and disturbance allowances are payable where applicable. Scheme of flexible working hours based on a 35-hour, 5-day week; leave 4 to 4½ weeks per annum; staff restaurant, social club.

Applications, in writing, giving details of age, qualifications, experience and the names of two referees, should reach the Divisional Manager, Thames Conservancy Division, Thames Water Authority, Nugent House, Vastern Road, Reading RG1 8DB, as soon as possible.

THAMES WATER AUTHORITY
THAMES CONSERVANCY DIVISION

ENGINEERING SCIENTIST/ENGINEER

(Ref. WRCE/C)

Applications are invited for the above post in the Water Resources Section of the Division.

The position would suit a Graduate in Engineering or Engineering Science with a bias towards electronics and computer programming.

The person appointed would join a group, within the Communications and Electronics Section, responsible for the establishment and maintenance of hydrometric data files and technical data preparation. The group also acts as the administrative interface between the Engineer's Department and the Authority's ICL 1902A.

An electrical Analogue Model has been designed and built in the section for groundwater studies and this is being progressively enlarged and developed using a PDP8E as the cycle control.

Additionally a contract has just been let for a comprehensive computer controlled Data Acquisition System by radio telemetry to cover the whole of the Thames Basin, initially west of London.

The successful applicant will be expected to be involved in, and contribute to, all these aspects and the post offers considerable intellectual freedom.

Salary, dependent on age, experience and qualifications will be in the range of £2,061 to £3,018 per annum, plus approved threshold payments, with good prospects of promotion to £3,018 to £3,750 per annum on gaining Corporate Membership or equivalent.

Applications giving details of age, qualifications and present salary should be addressed to the Divisional Manager, quoting reference WRCE/C, to arrive as soon as possible. (No forms.)

Nugent House, Vastern Road, Reading RG1 8DB.

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ring Patrice Ware or Mary Whittaker :
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required Easter, 1975

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PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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THE HAGUE

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University of Glasgow

LECTURESHIP
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF BACTERIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY
AT THE WESTERN INFIRMARY

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Further particulars may be had from the Secretary of the University Court (Room 18), University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, with whom applications (12 copies), giving the names and addresses of three referees, should be lodged on or before 6th November, 1974.

In reply please quote Ref. No. 3568 E.

University of Glasgow

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Salary according to placement on the University scale for Senior Lecturers (£4,707-£5,844 per annum) F.S.S.U.

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Department of Chemistry

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Applicants should preferably be physical chemists with a background in surface, cellulose or polymer chemistry. The appointment will be for one year in the first instance (with the expectation of renewal for a further 2 years) and at a salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications, in the form of a curriculum vitae, and including the names and addresses of two referees, should be sent to the Academic Registrar (LFG) University of Surrey, Guildford GU2 5XH, Surrey, by Friday, 8 November, 1974.

University of Hull
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Full details, and an application form, can be obtained from the Bishop of London's Lay Chaplain, London House, 19 Cowley Street, London SW1P 3LZ.

(Please mark envelope "Diocesan Secretary".) The closing date for receiving applications is 31st October, 1974.

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Application form and further details from the Secretary of the University, Northcote House, The Queen's Drive, Exeter EX4 4QJ. Closing date 31st October, 1974. Please quote reference: I/5/3091.

Chelsea College

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

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UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM MEDICAL SCHOOL

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SENIOR LECTURESHIP

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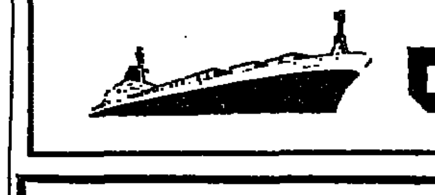

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Fluency in French would be an advantage.

Further particulars of the above post and conditions of appointment can be obtained on request from The Appointments Officer, Chelsea College, Manresa Road, London SW3 6LX, to whom applications including the names of two referees should be sent by November 11th.

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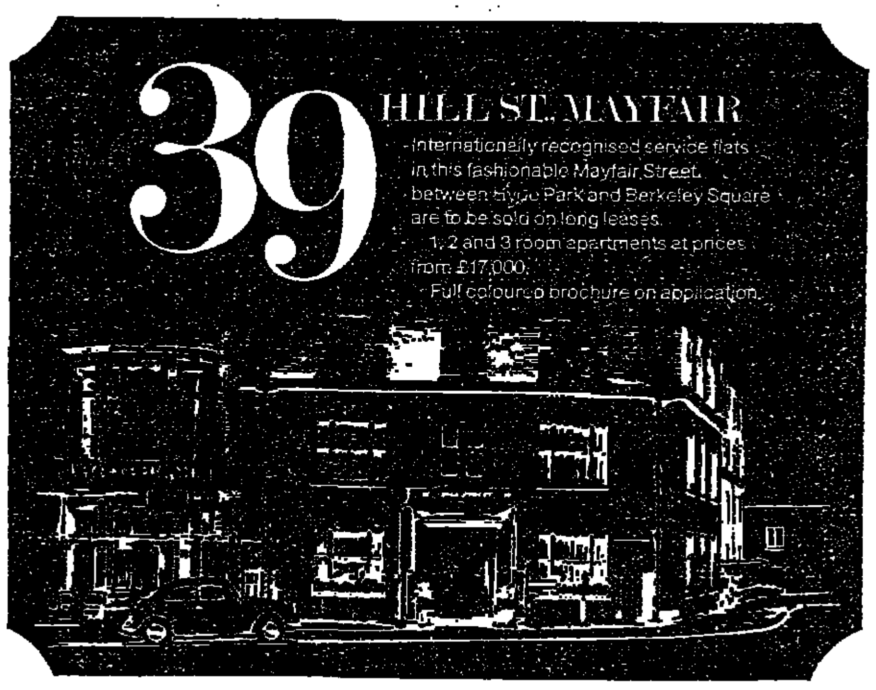

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And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2, on the 21st day of October 1974, and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose: and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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In the Matter of POOLPLAN Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

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Liquidator.

In the Matter of W.A.H. Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 1st day of November, 1974, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Llewellyn Morgan of 100, Park Street, London, W1Y 4AS the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 1st day of October, 1974.

DAVID LLEWELLYN MORGAN,
Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 2336 of 1974

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of BUILDING ENVELOPES Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 1st day of October, 1974, presented to the said Court by Pagel Special Concretes (U.K.) Limited whose registered office is situate at Wellington House, 125 Strand, London WC2.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 28th day of October 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing, in person or by his counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served, or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 25th day of October 1974.

In the Matter of AUTO & GENERAL FINANCE COMPANY *Limited and* In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 31st day of October, 1974, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned John Edgar Grande, of 17 Waterloo Place, London, S.W.1 the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 24th day of September, 1974.

JOHN E. GRANDE,
Liquidator.

N.B.—This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

In the Matter of HOY-GREEN ENGINEERING Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP are required, on or before the 15th day of November, 1974, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Laurence Jack Gerrard, F.C.A., of 1, Old Bond Street, Piccadilly, London, W.1 the Liquidator of the said Company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said (Joint) Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 1st day of October, 1974.

L. J. GERRARD,
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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002300 of 1974

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of BELL MOTOR COMPANY (HAMPTON) Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 30th day of September 1974 presented to the said Court by Terence Rainbow of 60 Netley Drive, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on the 28th day of October 1974 and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose: and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

OUTRED & CO., 33, Monument Green, Weybridge, Surrey.

NOTE. Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 24th day of October 1974.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of FILM CREDITS (ANIMATION) Limited No 001714 of 1969. Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL PAYMENT to PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 25th October, 1974 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR Therapharm Limited, The Willows, Railway Road, Downham Market, Norfolk. Wholesale and Retail Chemists. High Court of Justice 00994 of 1974. GORDON HARRY BENNETT, Chile House, 20/24 Ropemaker Street, London EC2Y 9AT. 26th July 1974.

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Secretarial and General Appointments also on page 28

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Motoring

Manufacturers switch to smaller models

Although next week's London Motor how will do its best to present a miling face, 1974 has been an unommonly glum year for car makers nd motorists alike.

The fuel crisis and general economic limate have affected new car sales so everely that industrial leaders like Ir John Barber, of British Leyland, re saying that a full recovery could ake up to three years. As for the car wner, those traumatic weeks at the rn of the year when petrol seemed bout to dry up appear to have had a isting effect.

All the evidence would suggest that eople are using cars less and driving em more carefully. Road casualty ates have continued to run at 12 per ent below the 1973 figure long after e lifting of the 50 mph speed limit; etrol sales are down; fewer motorists ave taken car holidays abroad, and ose who stayed in Britain tended to ake shorter journeys.

There is no sign of people giving up rs altogether, but with the average mily saloon now costing £14 a week to n (according to Automobile Association figures) many owners must be ear the limit of their resources. One dication of that is the 15 per cent op in servicing work reported by the rage trade. One way to cut costs is miss a service.

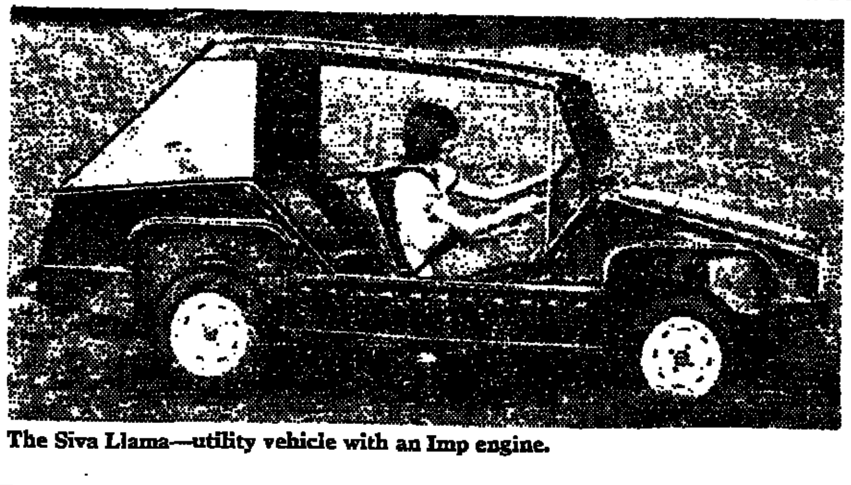
Manufacturers have had to reconder their model range, the most ectacular instance being Ford's decion to build a small car after insisting r years that it would never do so cause of the low profit potential. itish Leyland argued sensibly that mily motorists would be reluctant to crifice the space of a Marina or a xi and what were needed were not aller but more economical cars.

As was generally predicted, there s been a marked switch to small cars, th the Datsun Cherry emerging as e most popular foreign model, Fiat creasing its market share mainly ough the 126 and 127, and Renault ing better than ever with the 13-year- R4. The two small British cars, ni and Imp, have also sold well.

But the market is by no means unim and there have been successes at luxury end as well: Jaguar sales actually up on 1973, while Merles-Benz, with nothing in its range ow £3,800, has done well to keep ost the same share of the market. haps even more surprisingly, Mazda so far defied the prophets of doom o saw the fuel crisis sounding the th knell for the Wankel rotary ine.

The difficulties at Aston-Martin have ced a stronger question mark against small specialists, who are particuly vulnerable to a depressed econo climate. But the lesson of 1974 is t all car makers are being comled to look at their products in a re realistic light, with economy ttering more than performance and tomers demanding extra space and fort within a compact overall pe.

o one felt the economic chill more n Citroën, hence the merger with profitable and stable Peugeot. But roën also proved that it is still sible to produce cars of technical liance which are nevertheless perly in tune with the motoring conons of the 1970s. With cars like the 2000 around the future cannot be gloom.


The Siva Llama—utility vehicle with an Imp engine.

Road test:

Opel Ascona Luxus

The Luxus, like the Vanden Plas version of the Austin Allegro, is an attempt to combine big-car comfort with the economy and convenience of a smaller model. Opel has taken the four-door 1.9 litre Ascona and given it a nylon seat trim, adjustable headrests, halogen headlights, and a black vinyl sunroof. Since all those embellishments add only £14 to the price, the Luxus is good value at £1,871. Potential buyers should note that only 400 are being made for the British market.

On the car in general (mechanically the Luxus is identical to the 1900SR) I would say that it confirms Opel's reputation for doing basic things well. Like the other Euro-American cars, Ford, Chrysler and Vauxhall, the Opels are thoroughly conventional in design and do nothing to set the pulses racing, but they are sensible, well finished, and have no serious drawbacks. I wonder whether Ford's Mark Two Capri, which looks so like the Manta, is not a grudging tribute to Opel's great success in European markets.

The Ascona, in fact, is a derivative of the Manta (usually it is the other way round, the coupé following the saloon). It was conceived as the successor to the Kadett, but got too big and was launched as a separate model. Even so, at 13ft 6.4in long, it is on the small side for a medium-range car, and although the boot is a good size, there is some sacrifice in leg room at the back. On the positive side, the compact shape makes it easy to park and it is possible to see all four corners from the driving seat.

Putting a 1.9 litre engine into this light body provides lively performance, with 0 to 60 mph acceleration in around 11 seconds (slightly quicker than a not dissimiliar car, the Triumph Dolomite 1854) and a top speed of 98 mph. The engine, which always started immediately on the automatic choke, sounds a bit like a sewing machine until it warms up, but that fussiness soon disappears and it remains smooth and fairly quiet up to a cruising speed of around 90 mph. Wind noise, too, is kept to a minimum. There is an excellent gear change and reasonable flexibility in top. Fuel consumption was between 25 and 29 mpg with four-star petrol.

Where the car really scores is with its fine, taut handling, good roadholding, and the light and responsive rack-and-pinion steering. The ride is on the hard side, with rough surfaces making their presence felt, but there is virtually no pitch or roll and the seats are admirable. The power-assisted brakes are effective enough, once the driver gets used to the long pedal travel. The instruments are easy to read (the Luxus has a clock where the 1900SR has a revolutions counter), but more of the minor controls could be on steering column stalks.

It is strange, on the face of it, that a car like the Ascona should have suffered so much from the energy crisis and general economic situation (sales in Britain this year are down by nearly half). But it is pleasant to drive and well enough made to give its owner many miles for his money.

Cross-country runner

British Leyland's Moke, still favoured as personal transport by the King's Road Che Guevaras, went out of production several years ago. Its successor as a stark, draughty and suitably revolutionary runabout is the Llama, which is to the Hillman Imp what the Moke was to the Mini (Stuart Marshall writes).

It is made, however, not by Chrysler but by the Siva Motor Company at Aylesbury. Siva, offshoot of a firm that produces 140 million rivets each week, conceived the Llama nearly four years ago and made a dozen development cars. The project nearly died, partly through lack of enthusiasm at Chrysler, but recently Chrysler became interested and actively cooperative.

Inquiries are being dealt with from places as far apart as the Seychelles, Ecuador and the Lebanon, where there is a demand for a cheap, simple and non-rusting utility vehicle. The Llama is almost a cottage industry product. Siva reckons that 20 a week could be assembled using Chrysler components, Siva expertise and a minimum of capital equipment, in a 10,000 sq ft workshop.

I used one for a week during the summer, partly on, but mainly off, the road, and found that it lived up to Siva's claim of a "go anywhere" vehicle.

With boldly patterned radial tyres and much of the weight concentrated above the driving wheels, it had exceptionally good traction in mud although lacking four-wheel drive it was not in the Land-Rover class. The strong steel chassis platform, with a minimum 8in clearance and nothing vulnerable hanging down beneath, allowed the Llama to charge around on heathland and bounce off ridges that would have removed the average car's exhaust system.

A top road speed of 80 mph is claimed, but an ear-splitting 65 mph seemed quite fast enough to me. The ride was hard, but the all-independent springing felt unbreakable across country.

The weather protection on the Llama I used consisted of flexible, zipped-in sidescreens and a rigid glass-fibre reinforced plastic roof. Siva is aware that sidescreens are not ideal, and future Llamas may have instantly removable doors instead.

Siva is looking to overseas sales in the main, and I think wisely, because the £1,200 a Llama costs is the price of a good secondhand Land-Rover. Although it is true that the Llama does around 38 to 40 mpg on the road, to the Land-Rover's 19 to 20 mpg, it is a runabout rather than a workhorse and thus not really comparable. A three or four-year-old Llama will probably be worth little in the used car market, whereas the Land-Rover holds its value well. Fuel savings can easily be wiped out by high depreciation.

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6.40-7.30 am, Open University:* Incomes Policy. 7.05, Recurrent Education. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 4.00 pm, Golf: Piccadilly World Matchplay championship from Wentworth. 5.25, Open University:* School and Society. 5.50, Public Administration. 6.15, Urban Development. 6.40, Early Years at School. 7.05, Open University:* Population and Economic Growth.

7.30 News Summary.
7.35 Film Night.
7.55 The Pallisers: part 22.
8.45 Sir Mortimer and Magnus: Part 4, In the Steps of Alexander.
9.00 The Vital Spark.
9.30 The Horse of the Year Show.
10.45 News Extra. Weather.
11.00, Film: Two for the Road, with Audrey Hepburn, Albert Finney.*
12.45 am, News Headlines.
12.50 Robert Hardy.

Granada

9.30 am, Pippi Longstocking. 9.55, Thunderbirds. 10.40, Dr Simon Locke. 11.00, The Seven Seas. 11.50, The Magic Ball. 12.00, Thames. 3.00 pm, Department S. 3.55, Crossroads. 4.20, Tarzan. 5.15, 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Here's Lucy. 7.05, Columbo. 8.45, Thames.

Yorkshire

10.50 am, Tarzan. 12.00, Thames 3.00 pm, Film, Four Men and a Prayer, with Loretta Young, Richard Greene, George Sanders, David Niven.* 4.25, Time Tunnel. 5.20, 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Film: What's Good for the Goose, with Norman Wisdom. 8.45, Thames.

Border

10.45, Tarzan. 12.00, Thames. 3.00 pm, Film, Four Men and a Prayer. 4.25, Rainbow Country. 4.50, Junior Library. 5.05, Cartoon. 5.20, 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.25, Crossroads. 7.00, Mr and Mrs. 7.30, Film: The Nebraskan, with Phil Carey, Lee Van Cleef. 8.45, Thames.

HTV

11.10 am, Tarzan. 12.00, pm, Thames. 3.00, Film: The Rising of the Moon with Cyril Cusack, Jimmy O'Dea. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Help! 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, The Protectors. 7.00, Film: Destry, with Audie Murphy, Maria Blanchard. 8.45, Thames. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 4.25 pm, Miri Mawr. 4.35, Miri Mwy. 4.50-5.20, Around the World in Eighty Days. 6.01-6.15, Y Dydd. 6.30-7.00, Sports Arena. HTV WEST: As HTV, except: 6.15-6.30, Sport West.

Thames

9.30 am, Yoga for Health. 10.00, Film: The Long Ships, with Richard Widmark, Sidney Poitier. 12.00, Mr Trimble. 12.15 pm, Captain Cook. 12.30, Mum's the Word. 1.00, First Report. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, General Hospital. 2.30, Afloat. 3.00, Film: Yuma, with Clint Walker, Barry Sullivan. 4.25, The Time Tunnel. 5.20, The Flintstones.

5.50 News.
6.00 Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Film: The Spy in the Green Hat, with Robert Vaughn, David McCallum.
8.45 News.
9.00 Father Brown.
10.00 The Nation Decides: part one.
10.10 This Is Your Life:
10.40-3.00 am, The Nation Decides: part two.

Grampian

10.50 am, Tarzan. 12.00, Thames. 3.00 pm, Film. Four Men and a Prayer.* 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Snap Question. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Film: What's Good for the Goose, with Norman Wisdom. 8.45, Thames.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 3.00 pm, Department S. 3.55, Police Surgeon. 4.25, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 5.20, 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 7.00, Film. Ten Tall Men, with Burt Lancaster. 8.45-3.00 am, Thames.

Southern

10.00 am, Film. Nine Hours to Rama, with Horst Buchholz, Jose Ferrer, Diane Baker. 12.00, Southern News. 12.05 pm, Cartoon. 12.15, Thames. 2.30, Houseparty. 3.00, Four Men and a Prayer. 4.25, Thames. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.30, The Protectors. Blockbuster. 7.00, Film. Some Girls Do, with Richard Johnson, Daliah Lavi. 8.45, Thames.

Ulster

10.00 am, Romper Room. 10.20, Sword of Sherwood Forest. 11.40, Master Chefs. 11.55, Daily Fable. 12.00, Thames. 3.00 pm, Film, City of Bad Men, with Jeanne Crain, Dale Robertson. 4.23, Ulster News. 4.25, Time Tunnel. 5.20, 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.15, Film. Nothing Barred, with Brian Rix, Leo Franklyn.* 8.45, Thames.

Radio

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5.00 am, News. 5.02, Simon Bates. 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.00 pm, Dave Lee Travis. 5.00, Ed Stewart. 7.02, The 78 Show. 7.30, Folk 74. 8.02, Folk Weave. 9.02, Barn Dance. 10.00, John Peel. 11.00, John Dunn. 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Night Ride. 2.00, News.

†Stereo.

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5.00 am, As Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan. 9.02, Pete Murray's Open House. (10.30 Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young. 1.45 pm, Ricochet. 2.02, Tony Brandon. 3.45, Sports Desk, (including Piccadilly golf and 4.15, Waggoners' Walk). 4.30, Joe Henderson. 6.02, Sam Costa. 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, As Radio 1. 10.02, John Dunn. 11.02, As Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Arne, Quantz, Couperin.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Beethoven, Hummel, Mozart. 9.00, News. 9.05, Sibelius.† 10.00, Dodgson, Skalkottas. 10.30, Music in Scotland, 15th-16th centuries: anon, Peebles. 11.10, Schoenberg's Op 19.† 11.40, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Brahms.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Schumann, Finzi. 2.00, Music for Wind and Piano: Mozart, Paul Patterson.† 2.35, At Home in Pill. 2.45, Wind and Piano: George Onslow, Poulenc.† 3.30, Therese: Opera in two acts, music by Massenet. 4.45, Indian Music. 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Study on 3: Foreign Correspondent. 6.50, Context: Part 1. What a Summer! 7.10, Early Promise, part 2. 7.30, Hoddle Nash and Gerald Moore: Songs by Delius Quilter, Maude Valerie White. 7.45, Swansea Festival: Daniel Jones, Saint-Saens. 8.40, Pleasures: a verse anthology. 9.00, Swansea Festival: Part 2. Brahms. 9.55, Schoenberg as Teacher: Talk by Alexander Goehr, Professor of Music at Leeds University. 10.25, Gabriel Faure.† 11.00, Bach: Clavierubung, part 3. 11.55, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming Today. 6.40, Prayer for the Day. 6.45, Today. 6.50, Travel News. 6.55, Weather and programme news. 7.00, News. 7.25, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.50, Travel News. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.25, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, A Gun for Sale: part 2. 9.00, News. 9.05, These You Have Loved. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story: Big Business. 11.00, News. 11.05, If You Think You've Got Problems . . . 11.50, Hall of Fame: George Formby. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, My Word!* 12.55, Weather. 1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play. Saturday Roster. 3.50, Jack de Manio. 4.35, Kipps, part 9. The Housing Problem. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.50, Financial Report. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Many a Slip. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Borge on Handel.† 8.00, The British Army and the British Soldier: part 2. Over the Hills and Far Away. 8.45, Janet Baker. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.30-4.00 am, Who Rules Britain? Your Verdict and the Polls. Introduced by Hardiman Scott, BBC Political Editor. 11.51 pm, Inshore forecast.

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BALFOUR-KINNEAR.—On 3rd Oct., to Jennifer and Charles—a son.

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PEARCE.—On October 4th, at Poole Hospital, to Margaret (née Pointon) and Robert—a daughter (Lucy).

ROGERS.—On 7 Oct., 1974, at The Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Joy (née Brace) and Alan—a brother for Adam.

SIMPSON.—On 16 September, at B.M.H., Hong Kong, to Rosemary (née Ferns) and Andrew Simpson—a daughter (Katharine Dorinda Aird).

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MARRIAGES

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ANDERSON.—On 8th October, 1974, peacefully, at St. Raphael's Hospital, Katharine Currie, 6 Glencairn Crescent, Edinburgh, beloved wife of the late James Anderson, dear mother of Joan and beloved grandmother of Diarmid, Anna and Victoria. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, 2.30 p.m., Thursday, 10th October. No flowers please.

BOYD.—On October 8th, 1974, in her 73rd year, Margaret Ashworth, of 19 Porson Road, Cambridge, widow of Hugh Donald Boyd, mother of Brian and of Hilary Sewill and much-loved grandmother. Cremation private. Memorial service at Trumpington Parish Church, Cambridge, at 3 p.m. on Monday, October 14th. No letters, please.

BRISCOE.—On Oct. 7, in hospital, Rebecca Kirkwood Briscoe, of Deanhill Court, East Sheen, S.W.14, widow of Prof. H. V. A. Briscoe. Cremation at Mortlake, Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers to Sanders, 447 Upper Richmond Road West, London, S.W.14.

BUTLER.—On October 7th, 1974, suddenly at home, Peggy Butler, M.B.E., of 15 Elm Park House, London, S.W.10, daughter of the late Sir Frederick Butler, K.C., M.G., C.B. Cremation private.

CASTLE-SMITH.—On 8th October, very peacefully in hospital, after a long illness, Maude E. Castle-Smith, M.B.E., of Rick Barton, Chideock, Dorset. Cremation private, no flowers, no letters, please. Memorial service St. Giles Church, Chideock, 3 p.m., Saturday, 9th November.

CLAY.—On October 9th at the Mayday Hospital, Croydon, Cecil William, loved husband of Kay (née Carson), of 36 Cecil Court, Croydon. Funeral Monday, 14 October, 10.30 am at Croydon Crematorium. Family flowers only, but if desired, donation to the Friends of the Mayday Hospital.

CORBETT, EMMA MARY.—Suddenly, on 1st October, aged 4½ months, much-loved daughter of Peter and Margaret Corbett. Cremation private. No flowers.

DAWES.—On 8th October, suddenly, at her home Birtsmorton Court, near Malvern, Worcestershire, Phyllis Kathleen, aged 70 years, widow of George Roland Dawes, beloved mother of Michael, Howard and Nigel. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

GOOD, EDWARD.—Aged 76, on 9th Oct., peacefully, at home, Somerset Lodge, Church Lane, Loughton, Essex. Funeral private on Fri., 11th Oct., 4 p.m., at Parndon Wood Crematorium. No flowers, by request. Donations to the Spastic Society, 12 Park Crescent, London, W.1 (Children's section).

GRIFFITH.—On October 8th, suddenly in London, Eric, dear husband of Mollie and loved father of Oliver and Deborah. Private funeral. No letters please.

HUGHES.—On 8th October, Dom Anselm (Humphrey Vaughan) Hughes, priest and monk of Nashdom Abbey. Requiem mass and burial at Nashdom Abbey, on Mon., 14th October, 10.30 a.m.

IVENS.—On October 9th, at Peterborough District Hospital, Helen Catherine, aged 84 years, of 45 Thorpe Road, Peterborough, widow of Francis Burdett Ivens and dear mother of Janet, Margaret and John.

JOHNSON.—On October 7th, 1974, peacefully at his home in Sunderland, Captain Stanley Johnson, MN, retired, formerly of Hong Kong, and the Far East. Private funeral service.

JONES.—On October 8th, 1974, after a long illness, George Edward Mellersh Jones (Jonah), of 57, Candlemas Lane, Beaconsfield, darling husband of Tookie. Funeral service Monday, 14th October, 1974, at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 10 a.m. Family flowers only.

KING-HARMAN.—On 6th October, peacefully after a long illness endured with great fortitude, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Douglas King-Harman. Cremation private. No flowers, no letters, please.

LILLICO.—Suddenly on 8th October, George Burnell, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at the Parish Church, Berwick upon Tweed, 2.30 p.m., Friday, 11th October. Family flowers only.

LITTLEDALE.—On 6th October, 1974, at St. George's Retreat, Burgess Hill, Sussex, Olivia Mary Edith, daughter of Colonel Ralph Pudsay Littledale, R.E., and granddaughter of Henry Anthony Littledale, of Bolton by Bowland, Yorks, aged 82. A requiem mass at Our Lady's Priory, Haywards Heath, 15th October, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, at 3.45 p.m. Enquiries to Messrs. G. Hilton, 60 South Road, Haywards Heath (Tel. 2131).

MACLURE.—On 7th Oct., at Exeter, peacefully, after a brief illness, in her 99th year, Sybil Norma, wife of the late W. K. Maclure, Priest. Private cremation. No letters, please.

MADGIN.—On October 1, 1974, William Pearson "Ferdie", major (retd.), late 13th/18th Royal Hussars, Q.M.O., aged 81, of Lobswood House, Littlehampton, Sussex, dearly loved husband of Marjorie. Donations to Cancer Research, University College Hospital, Gower Street, London, W.C.1.

MARKER.—On October 8th, 1974, Arthur Ernest Henry Marker, aged 85, at 35 Sussex Square, London, W.2, beloved brother of Gertrude Harington and the late Edwin H. Marker. Enquiries to J. H. Kenyon, Ltd., 45 Edgware Road, London, W.2.

MAYO, CATHERINE LUCY, S.R.N., R.R.C., on October 2nd, darling aunt and great aunt, greatly loved friend of many. Funeral service took place at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday, October 9th.

MOSELEY.—On 6th October, 1974, suddenly, James Arthur David, aged 45, eldest son of the late Major Charles Eric Moseley and Mrs. Irene Moseley, of Comaha, Ramsey, Isle of Man. Funeral at 3 p.m., on Sunday, 13th October, 1974, at Kirk Maughold, near Ramsey. Enquiries and flowers to Crennells Garage Ltd., Tower St., Ramsey. Tel: 81 22 39.

NEILSON-JONES.—On October 8th, 1974, in hospital, William Neilson-Jones, M.A., aged 91, Emeritus Professor of Botany at Bedford College, London. Service at South Norwood United Reformed Church, Enmore Rd., S.E.25, on Tuesday, 15th, at 3.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Beckenham Crematorium. Donations to World Wild Life Fund, 7 Plum Tree Court, E.C.4.

DEATHS

PATRICK.—On Tuesday, 8th October, 1974, very suddenly, John Churchill, aged 33, of The Warren, Canal Hill, Tiverton, Devon. Adored husband of Sally, devoted father of James and Emma, loving son of Mary and son-in-law of Keith and Ann Johnson. Funeral at St. George's Church, Hinton St. George, near Crewkerne, Somerset, at 12 noon, Saturday, October 12th. Cut flowers only, or donations to The John Patrick Memorial Fund, for the cricket pavilion, Blundell's School, Tiverton. Memorial service details to be announced later.

PEARCE.—On 5th October, 1974, peacefully in hospital at Shoreham, Albert Henry Pearce (Bertie) of 1, Parry Drive, Rustington, Sussex, beloved husband of Carol, father of Geoffrey and Baba and adored Grandpa. Cremation has taken place privately. No letters, please. If wished donations may be sent for the Royal Masonic Hospital, c/o F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Rd., Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel. 3939.

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SCOTT.—On October 9th at Littlehampton Hospital, Major Harry Ernest Scott, aged 85 years. Old Greshamian. Manchester Regiment 1914-18. R.A.S.C. 1939-45. Treasured husband for many years of Jose. Father of Patrick, Timothy and Harry. Father-in-law of Phil, grandfather of Timothy. Funeral private. Letters to Hopgarden Cottage, Westergate, Sussex.

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SCOTT MALDEN.—On October 8th, 1974, at Steyning, peacefully in her sleep, Joyce, beloved sister of Marjorie Spencer. Funeral service at St. Mary's, Sullington, at 2.15 p.m., on Tuesday, October 15th. No flowers or letters, please.

SEEBER.—On October 9th, 1974, Major Harold Charles Rundle Seeber, 201 Upper Malone Road, Belfast. House and funeral strictly private, no flowers or letters.

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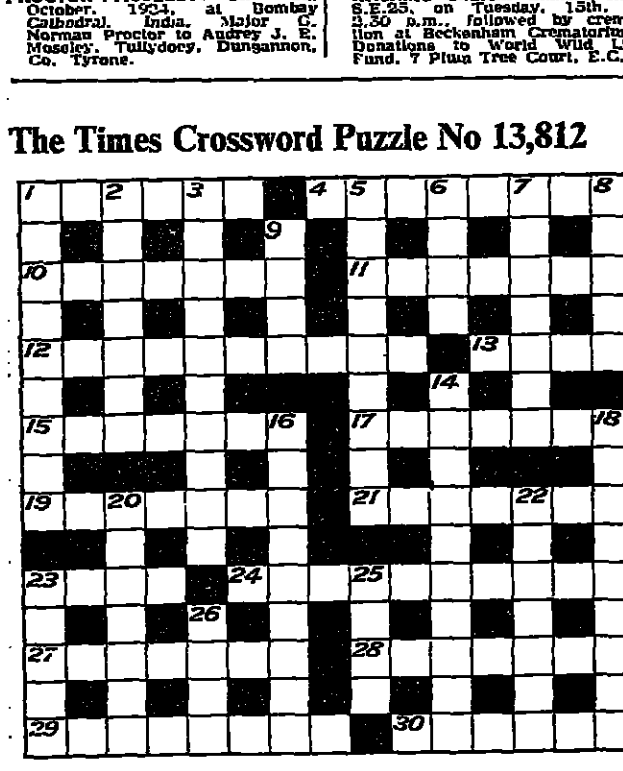

ACROSS
1 Drop nearly all the ornamental trifle (6).
4 Mettlesome, or drunk? (8).
10 Flower-girl ignored such a diamond (4-3).
11 Chapel eloquence (7).
12 The fighting weight in N.W. England? (10).
13 He painted — a lovebird? (4).
15 Modify a painting style (7).
17 The ancients thought them revolutionary music-makers (7).
19 Some drive terribly, but he fixes things (7).
21 Wild cat held when door is closed thus (7).
23 Preserve a French priest (4).
24 Kipling's captains were so brave (10).
27 Nothing turned up fast enough to make us rich (7).
28 But the cheroot's not made of this hemp (7).
29 It's sweet within the Inner Circle (5-3).
30 Rascals go under canvas in the ship (6).

DOWN
1 Two elements—somewhat intoxicating (4-5).
2 Inordinate desire and 1 dn perhaps get us five years (7).
3 Her tactics altered by the designers (10).
5 Governor of a Roman province a professional magistrate (9).
6 Skim the papers (4).
7 Cavalryman sounds a Good Companion (7).
8 Author of Eire's legislative assembly, we hear (5).
9 Does this party seek an allotment of shares? (4).
14 Get one poncho redraped, making a good picture (10).
16 High notability? Icarus wasn't, for instance (9).
18 Accommodation for the team in some vehicles? (4-5).
20 A taste for curiosities a beginner has, in effect (7).
22 Rough cowl put on Mac's chimney (7).
23 Lore in place of honey is hollow (5).
25 Capital built up by night workers? (4).
26 Girl hawker uses this strap (4).

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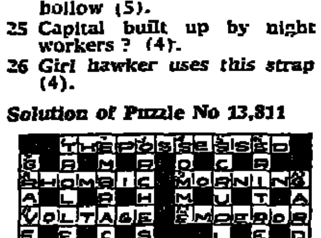

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